TODAY'S WEATHER
Fair and Continued Cold Is the Local Forecast.

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Six Drowned by Sinking Tug.

NATCHEZ, MISS., Dec. 15.—The 14-ton towboat Mattie M., owned by the Dixie Transportation Company of New Orleans, sank in 20 feet of water today in the old bed of Lake Concordia. Six persons were drowned.

THE WEATHER

Fair.

Fair and continued cold today and fair and slightly warmer for tomorrow is the Washington forecast for Pittsburgh and vicinity. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 18 and the minimum 11. There was a deficiency of 21 degrees in the temperature yesterday. The sun rose clear at 7:19 and set cloudy at 4:34 yesterday. The daily report, furnished by the local weather office, follows:

Time.	Baro.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	30.46	11	75	N. W.	Clear
8 p. m.	30.58	18	81	N. W.	Clear

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 15:

	1902	1901		1902	1901
Maximum	48	31	Mean	34	15
Minimum	24	7	Precipitation	.38	.80

Mean tem., 2 a. m. 18 | Excess since Jan. 1 147
Mean tem., 8 p. m. 14 | Nor. prec., 51 years .09
Mean temperature 14 | Prec. for day 0
Nor. tem., 51 years 35 | Deficiency for day ..... .09
Deficiency for day 21 | Defic. since Dec. 1, 1.19
Defic. since Dec. 1. 107 | Excess since Jan. 1, 2.27

Government Weather Forecast.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania—Fair Wednesday; continued cold. Thursday, fair and not so cold; fresh variable winds, becoming southerly.

Ohio—Fair, continued cold Wednesday. Thursday, increasing cloudiness; not so cold; fresh south winds.

West Virginia—Fair Wednesday. Thursday, fair and warmer.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 p. m.:

Cincinnati	24 Clear	Indianapolis	18 Clear
Vicksburg	44 Clear	Buffalo	16 Cloudy
Louisville	24 Clear	New York	20 Clear
Chicago	26 Clear	Philadelphia	22 Clear
St. Louis	24 Clear	New Orleans	54 Cloudy
El Paso	48 Clear	Washington	28 Clear
Kansas City	34 Clear	St. Paul	8 Clear
Chicago	12 Cloudy	Bismarck	6 Clear
Des Moines	24 Clear	Denver	46 Clear
Omaha	32 Clear	Salt Lake	32 Clear
Cleveland	14 Snow	Cheyenne	36 Clear

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du Barry," 8:15 p. m.

ALVIN—"A Chinese Honeymoon," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

NEW GRAND—New stock company in "Mrs. Jack," 2 and 8 p. m.

AVENUE—Big burlesque, vaudeville acts in continuous performance from 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.

DUQUESNE—All star vaudeville bill, 8 p. m.

BIJOU—The Four Weddys, 2 and 8 p. m.

EMPIRE—"A Hot Old Time," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

ACADEMY—Harry Morris' "Night on Broadway," 2 and 8 p. m.

DUQUESNE GARDEN—Skating afternoon and evening.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE AND GALLERIES—Eighth annual exhibition of paintings, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

CHAMBERLAIN WINS FIGHTS

Two Candidates Indorsed by Tariff Leader Sent to Parliament.

MAJORITY OF 21,000

King's Name Had Been Dragged Into Contest, on Election Posters.

AUTOS USED AT THE POLLS

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

London, Dec. 15.—Pew bye-elections of recent years have evoked a tithe of the interest shown in today's contests in the Dulwich division of Camberwell and at Lewisham, to fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of Sir Blundell Maple and John Penn, both of whom had represented their respective constituencies for many years in the Conservative interests.

Dr. F. Rutherfoord Harris, Conservative, who was confidential agent of the late Cecil Rhodes and C. F. G. Masterman, Liberal, were contesting Dulwich while Maj. Coates and J. W. Cleland represented the Conservatives and Liberals, respectively, in the Lewisham borough.

The fiscal question has been prominent throughout the campaign and Joseph Chamberlain intervened with letters in support of the Conservative candidates.

The question of the importation of Chinese labor into South Africa has been used by the Liberals at Dulwich as an anti-Harris slogan, while the Conservatives even dragged in the king's name, attaching the words "Edwardus Rex" to posters in such a way as to create the impression that the king was a supporter of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal proposals.

The Liberals telegraphed to the king on the subject and a reply promptly came authorizing the statement that no permission had been given to use the king's name in any way.

Hundreds of motor cars today scoured the constituencies, bringing voters to the polls.

In the borough of Lewisham Maj. Coates has been elected by a majority of 21,012. At Dulwich F. Rutherford Harris has been elected by a majority of 1,437.

Mr. Chamberlain expressed himself as delighted with the result of the elections in Lewisham and Dulwich and the protectionist dailies this morning claim the results as a complete triumph for Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

Both constituencies polled very heavily. Lewisham, which is largely a working class district, shows a reduced majority of about 400 compared with the last contested election in 1892. In Dulwich, which is mainly the home of the city clerks, a greater reduction is shown, the majority for the Conservatives in 1895 having reached 3,000.

These reductions are of small significance, however, in the face of the fact that the Chamberlainite candidates secured large majorities where the free trade party undoubtedly hoped to win. This double victory will be of great advantage to Mr. Chamberlain, who resumes his campaign tonight at Leeds, when he will address a big meeting.

The Liberal dailies confess discouragement and urge the free traders to redouble their efforts, since, as the Chronicle remarks, "Mr. Chamberlain is a power in the country which it would be most serious not to estimate highly."

The Daily News discusses the probability of the government being encouraged by yesterday's results, appealing to the country without delay.

The Daily Telegraph boldly suggests the results dispel Mr. Balfour's doubts as to whether the country is ripe for a precential policy and proposes that "Mr. Chamberlain should be invited to proceed personally to the colonies and see what practical arrangements can be made to secure a complete commercial union within the empire."

ACCUSED OF POISONING, VIZIER HEADS FOR U. S.

Persian Who Sent "Golden Cup" to Enemy Flees to Escape Shah's Wrath.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

TOKYO, Dec. 15.—Mirza Asgharkan, former grand vizier of Persia, has arrived here on his way to the United States.

On October 19 letters were received from Belgian officials employed in the Persian customs department telling an amazing story concerning the removal from office of the grand vizier.

It appears that some weeks previously the government of the province of Ratch received a golden cup, containing coffee which was poisoned and which the shah sends to officials whom he wishes to banish from the world. The governor drank the coffee and died. It was discovered later that the golden cup was not sent by the shah and the grand vizier was accused of the act, whereupon he was dismissed. Expecting soon to receive the fatal cup in his turn, he asked for and obtained leave to go on a pilgrimage some miles from Tehran, when he fled to the coast and sailed for Europe.

DEFAULTING CASHIER KILL HIMSELF IN BANK

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Conscience stricken by the sight of a bank examiner coming through the door, Cashier Asa C. Bushnell of the Yale National bank left his desk, went to the dressing room in the basement and blew out his brains with a 38-caliber revolver. Three hours later the bank officials proved from his books that he was a defaulter to the extent of at least $15,000. They knew that he had been speculating in stocks, but supposed that he had used his savings for his Wall street ventures. They insist that Bushnell's surety bond for $20,000 will amply cover the deficit.

BUTLER APPEALS TO AMERICA

Committee States Conditions and Asks the Nation for Aid.

THREE MORE DEATHS

Committeeman Reduced to Nervous Prostration by Scenes of Suffering, Forced to Resign.

CONTRIBUTIONS POURING IN

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

Butler, Pa., Dec. 15.—This evening the general relief and executive committees in joint session issued the following statement and appeal to the American public:

We wish to advise the people of the United States in regard to the epidemic of typhoid fever in Butler.

The number of typhoid fever cases in November, 1,123.

The number of deaths from other causes, 23.

New cases of typhoid fever up to December 13, 114.

Total number of cases of typhoid fever to December 13, 1,254.

Total number of deaths from typhoid fever, 51.

Total number of deaths from other causes, 41.

The population of Butler and Lyndora, adjoining, is 18,000. A conservative estimate of those dependent upon daily wages is 14,000. We have no means of ascertaining expected cases of typhoid fever except reports by ward committees, which for the past week have averaged 12 new cases a day. The nature of relief work thus far consists in furnishing nurses and hospital supplies and providing for all temporal wants where the bread-winners or any other needy or deserving persons have been stricken with the disease. Our town has been prosperous and we have a fair number of well-to-do citizens who have contributed generously to the relief fund. Thus far the recent addition of large manufacturing interests in the town and the consequent influx of large foreign population, representing various nationalities, and who are only moderate wage earners, have necessarily caused the draft made upon the generosity of our citizens.

Best Element Represented.

The present organization, founded for the relief of sufferers, is composed of an executive committee, representing the very best element of our citizenship, elected by the citizens themselves at a mass meeting held in our court house Sunday, November 29, with and under whom are working various lady auxiliary and ward committees, and all of whom are and have been devoting their undivided time and attention to the work of relief. This committee has appointed sub-committees in each ward to look after the sufferers therein, and whose needs are carefully investigated and supplies ordered after investigation, as may be required. As to the estimate of money required. We can only say this is the first experience of an epidemic in the history of our municipality, and our inexperience led us at first to suppose that our own resources were sufficient to meet the emergency.

Typhoid experts and eminent physicians who have had large experience in epidemics of this character insist that we are confronted with a siege that in all human probability will continue to a greater or lesser degree for a period of from two to three months from this date, and that will involve an expenditure of from $75,000 to $100,000 before the scourge will be completely eradicated and the normal condition of our community restored. The present contributions aggregate $25,000. Our records show that up to date there has been expended for general relief purposes $18,000 in a period of 14 days, leaving a balance of $7,000, which will be exhausted within one week. The extensive sanitary work made necessary by the existence of the epidemic has been assumed by the state board of health of Pennsylvania, thereby relieving our committee of all expense and anxiety in this direction, and every dollar thus received or to be received will be applied directly to the actual necessaries of the deserving sick and suffering.

Cannot Bond the Town.

And in view of the fact that our municipality at present has a bonded indebtedness practically up to the limit allowed by law, we cannot bond the town to meet the emergency and are dependent entirely upon the continued generosity of our own citizens, supplemented by the lovers of humanity elsewhere. In view of this condition of affairs, the citizens of Butler, through their committees and purpose, appeal to the generosity of the people of the United States for contributions of cash to aid them in fighting the epidemic. All contributions should be made to Thomas J. Shuflin, treasurer of the relief committee.

H. T. RATTIGAN,
Secretary General Committee.
CHARLES M. HEINEMAN,
Chairman General Committee.
RICHARD H. BRODHEAD,
Secretary Executive Committee.
JAMES M. MOORE,
Chairman Executive Committee.
WM. M. KENNEDY, Burgess.

Today the fever claimed three victims, raising the death total to 60. Those who died were a small child of H. A. McAdoo of West Penn street, a young man named Kradel, living one mile west of the city, and J. Bruce Clark, aged 16 years, a son of the late Rev. James Clark of Prospect street. Clark was a student in Butler and a brother of Mrs. M. Berkimer and Mrs. Joseph Weber.

At the meeting of the executive committee this evening Andrew W. McCollough resigned as chairman of the Fourth ward committee. The resignation was reluctantly accepted and George Evans was elected Mr. McCollough's successor.

But five cases were returned today by the physicians to the board of health, the names of those having taken sick being J. A. Ehmer, Second street; Milton Cottrell, South Street; Theodore Zimmerman, Millerstown road; Anna Ligon, Elm street and Clyde Young of Institute hill.

Among those who are said to be dangerously ill today are David W. Austin of the South Penn Oil Company; Perry M. Starr and Miss Margaret Brandon. Among the contributions received today are: United Presbyterian Benefit association, Monmouth, Ill., $50; Methodist church of Vandergrift, $75; Taylor Hose Company, Meadville, $80; citizens of North Washington, $100.

President Clara Barton of the Red Cross society and her aides, Dr. Hubbell and Gen. Sears, returned to Washington, D. C. today. Before leaving Miss Barton said she had decided to issue an appeal at the capital on behalf of the fever sufferers. Dr. George A. Soper of the New York chamber of commerce, is in Butler investigating the situation in behalf of that body. A party of women from the Maple Avenue Baptist church, Pittsburgh, were in Butler today to make arrangements for aiding in the relief work.

LATROBE, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The citizens of Latrobe have contributed

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A Rival Hold-Up Man Trying to Butt In.

PENROSE FOR HANNA'S PLACE

Pennsylvania Senator Talked of as Possible Candidate for National Chairman.

HE DOES NOT WANT IT

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Press Building.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.

Senator Boies Penrose is being talked of as a possible successor of Senator M. A. Hanna, Republican national chairman. This speculation is based upon the probability that Mr. Hanna will not accept a re-election. That the Ohio senator will not direct the national committee in the next presidential campaign is conceded by those usually well informed on such matters.

It is unnecessary, in fact it might be indelicate, to explain why Senator Hanna does not care to act as field marshal in the coming campaign. The ground is sufficiently covered by the statement that he does not care to serve. Now as to Penrose. Those who are familiar with his political sagacity, the aggressive diplomacy, born of years of experience in Keystone politics, will readily appreciate and acknowledge the fitness and competency of Pennsylvania's junior senator for the distinguished honor especially so as his election would be reinforced by the practical, invaluable advice of his senatorial senior, that master of politics, Col. M. S. Quay.

And this prospectus is most alluring, most attractive, to a presidential candidate. But, and I quote those very close to Mr. Penrose, the junior senator is not a candidate for the national chairmanship. He would probably decline the honor if it came to him, backed by the president and the unanimous vote of the national committee. Not that Mr. Penrose is anxious to evade any party obligation, not that he is not sincerely and enthusiastically committed to Roosevelt's nomination, but because his inclinations, his ambitions do not lie in this direction.

Quay and Penrose, as the representatives of the state, in pursuance of the sentiment voiced by the two last Republican state conventions, are pledged to Roosevelt. As State Chairman Penrose, at the recent off-year election, polled a Republican plurality which broke all records. He said he would do so when the campaign opened, and he more than made good his promise. Pennsylvania, by its returns, kept at the front as the banner state. The result was highly pleasing to Chairman Penrose, so much so that he had practically pledged his lieutenants that he would accept a re-election. Beyond this, I am informed, he has no ambition.

He has not considered, neither will he entertain, an offer to fill the vacancy to be created by the retirement of Senator Hanna. Politically speaking there will be "something doing" next year in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Penrose prefers to remain at home and direct the state organization. As chairman he will give the usual rousing Republican majority for the national ticket, and at the same time protect and safeguard the interests of the state organization.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

WANT A REDUCTION.

Soft Coal Operators to Ask a Wage Cut at January Convention.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—The two days' conference of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia coal operators adjourned this afternoon to meet again, probably in this city, next Tuesday or Wednesday. It is understood more definite plans will be formulated to be presented at a general conference at Indianapolis in January.

It is said to be the intention of the operators to ask the miners to accept a reduction in wages for the good effect it will have on the coal trade as early as two months before the expiration of the wage contract on April 1.

MR. KNOX MAKES GREAT ARGUMENT

Attorney General Delivers the Speech for Government in Northern Securities Case.

CLOSE ATTENTION OF COURT

KNOX'S OPINION OF THE MERGER

Following are some of Attorney General Knox's sentences in which he expressed his opinion of the Northern Securities merger:

To deny that it is a combination challenges common intelligence.

To deny that it is in restraint of trade, challenges the authority of this court.

Empire builders and oriental dreamers. Their real plan was to destroy competition between the two railroads and to obtain a monopoly of the transporation facilities in the territory traversed.

The gentlemen on the other side have referred to themselves as criminals, and expect the court to be horrified at the appellations. We have not referred to you as criminals. We have referred to you as defendants in equity, and that is what you are. It is time enough to evoke a strict construction of the statute when you shall have been arraigned, charged with crime. But the statute under which the case is brought is remedial rather than penal.

This thing was done when men who have been regarded as wise men and safe men lost their hold upon their judgment and failed to withstand the temptation to gather for their instant personal advantage the fruits which, conserved, would have lasted many years and benefited many people.

It is not the observance of the law or its enforcement that creates panics or distress. It is wilful violations of its wholesome provisions or defiance of the laws of economic health.

The question in this case is not whether congress can regulate and has regulated state corporations or the ownership of their capital stock. The question is, can the owners of such capital stock regulate interstate commerce?

I cannot think that a combination held together by a rope of sand comes within the prohibition of the law, and that one which is bound by links of steel may defy its wisdom and its power.

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Room 10, Postal Building.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.

Attorney General Knox today made the greatest argument before the United States supreme court that has been heard in that chamber in years. Senators, representatives, judges and lawyers who heard it declared it to be the ablest that any of them have ever heard made in any court. The attorney general alone made the argument for the government in the appeal of the Northern Securities case and when he had finished, after speaking for an hour and a half this afternoon, there was nothing more to be said from the government standpoint.

The case itself is one to attract general attention, since it marks an epoch in the country's history. If it should be decided that the Northern Securities Company had a legal right to own and vote the controlling interest in the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, two great competing lines in the northwest, then the interstate commerce law falls of effectiveness and all the anti-trust legislation on the statute books is found to be worthless.

Millions of capital legislative rights and economic and political policies hang upon the result of this appeal. No case in recent years has contained so much that affects the interests of the people, and none has attracted the same attention since the decision of the supreme

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WE MAY ANNEX SANTO DOMINGO

Senator Heyburn Introduces a Resolution Asking President to Take Steps.

FRESH REVOLUTION BEGINS

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, today introduced a joint resolution requesting the president to acquire by annexation the islands of San Domingo, the dependencies of San Domingo, and Haiti.

Mr. Simpson, the United States consul at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, cabled the state department today that a revolution has broken out at Santiago and that the movement is extensive and serious. This is supposed to be the result of the failure of the provisional government to secure recognition at the hands of United States Minister Powell, which fact operated to prevent that government from obtaining money necessary to maintain itself through a foreign loan.

Nothing is known officially of the reported plots against the life of Minister Powell, but the navy will take all necessary precautions to protect the American legation in San Domingo. The Newport will return there from San Juan as soon as she has coaled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The San Domingo consulate in Broadway was visited today by shipsers and Dominicans anxious to learn officially whether the story of a plot to assassinate Minister Powell was true. Consul-General Galvan said: "What information I have is of an official character, and it would be improper for me to give it out. If such an unfortunate affair occurred it is a matter for the diplomatic representative of our unfortunate country to handle. A chaotic state of affairs exists in my country just now, and probably will until after the election of a president on January 16."

Joseph St. Pierre Giordiana made this statement today, in an effort to clear away the mystery that has surrounded his position:

"I am not consul-general of the provisional government of San Domingo, but its special agent. While the revolution was in progress I represented the provisional government and handled its funds here, buying such stores as were needed and disbursing all funds. I am still acting in that capacity to the extent of settling up outstanding claims. The revolution which resulted in the overthrow of President Wos y Gil cost less than $100,000. I do not expect to receive a commission as consul at New York. If I do it will only be provisional.

"As for the report that a plot was made to assassinate Minister Powell, I do not believe it. I know Minister Powell very intimately personally, and I know every member of the Morales government. During the Mayian revolution some five years ago Minister Powell stood by me and gave me much aid in trying situations. I know that at least three of the present members of the Morales cabinet were materially aided by Mr. Powell at that time, and since, to such an extent that they would lay down their lives for him. I am not a native of San Domingo. I cannot conceive of so black a plot."

BECHTEL MURDER THEORY NOT BACKED UP

ALLENTOWN, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Lehigh county commissioners today refused to back up District Attorney Lychinsky in his effort to get Dr. J. E. Da Costa of Philadelphia to testify whether the blood-like found on the walls of the room of Tom Bechtel were human or animal, refusing to pay $100 a day for the doctor's services. This is taken as an indication that they have no faith in the theory of Lee commonwealth that Mabel Bechtel was murdered in her home. When stains were discovered by the police the family said they were blood spots from Tom Bechtel's hand.

COKE WAGES ON NEW LEVEL

Frick Company's Reduction of 10 Per Cent Takes Effect Today.

STORE PRICES CUT

Supply Company Decreases the Cost of Necessaries of Life for Workers.

OTHER OPERATORS FOLLOW

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—At all the plants of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Corporation, notices were posted today announcing that beginning with tomorrow, a reduction in wages, averaging between 16 and 17 per cent, would go into effect.

The news did not come as a surprise to business men, but over the foreigners employed about the coke works it cast a gloom. The Frick company has on its payrolls 10,000 employes, its usual list being in the neighborhood of 20,000, but since the slump in the coke business at least 10,000 foreigners have left for their homes, while others have moved out of the region in search of employment. While only one other producer, the Cambria Iron Company, has posted notices the exact counterpart of the Frick company's, it is conceded by all that the Rainey company, the next largest producer in the region, and all the smaller companies, employing at least 10,000 men, will have notices up before the end of the week announcing the same wage scale as that of the Frick company.

Takes Off Advances.

One year ago the Frick company announced a voluntary increase of 10 per cent. The coke trade was at its zenith then and the demand was greater than the supply. These conditions kept up until the spring, when a gradual decline in the coke trade was noticed. The conditions did not improve during the summer months, but gradually grew worse, until in the early fall the trade slumped completely. The Frick company as well as all other operators in the region endeavored to find a remedy for conditions, without resorting to a reduction in wages. Meanwhile wages based upon $3 coke were being paid. Curtailing production was tried and the formation of pools to maintain prices was frequently talked of. Little has yet resulted from any of these measures and the reduction in wages was at last resorted to.

O. W. Kennedy, general manager of the Frick company, said today: "In accordance with the policy of the company, we have not been slow in the past to increase wages when conditions justified it, and we are reducing them now, because the changed condition warrant even a greater reduction perhaps than has been made in this instance."

Living Costs Reduced.

An important announcement made in connection with the wage reduction is that the Union Supply Company's stores will reduce prices on all staple goods, such as groceries and wearing apparel, and this will in a measure help to offset the reduction in wages. By this reduction the Frick company hopes to maintain a minimum rate of $2 for coke. On a basis of $2 coke the former scales were: For digging, $1.65 per 100 bushels; drivers, $1.90 and $2.00 a day; drawing coke, 90 cents a 100 bushels. This would by comparison leave the new rate somewhat above the old $2 scale. No comparison have been made for the delivery of coke next year. On account of the condition of the market and this reduction, which was evidently determined on some time ago, it was deemed best by the operators not to make yearly contracts until it was found how the workmen would receive the cut. It is believed, however, that the men will not revolt, preferring steady employment at low wages rather than an uncertain opportunity to earn a living during the winter.

Details of New Scale.

With the $2 rate for coke it is believed by the Frick company and operators generally that the trade will greatly improve and an increased production result. Following is the new scale: Mining and loading room and lift coal, per 100 bushels, $1.10; mining and loading heading coal, per 100 bushels, $1.25; mining and loading wet heading coal, per 100 bushels, $1.30; drawing coke, per 100 bushels, charged, 60 cents; all the above by same measurement as at present; drivers and rope riders, shaft and slope, per foot run, $2.20; drivers and rope rider, drifts, per full run, $2.10; carpet, per full run, $2.20; track layers, blasters and timbermen, shafts and slopes, per day, $2.20; track layers, blasters and timbermen, drifts, per day, $2.10; assistant track layers and inside laborers, per day, $1.65; pumpers and tipplemen, per full run, $1.60; teamsters, per day, $1.90; carters, per day, $1.50; leveling for oven, 10½ cents; chargers, per oven, 4 cents; forking cars, 40,000 pounds and less, 11 40; forking cars, 50,000 and 60,000 pounds, $1.30; forking cars over 60,000 pounds, $1.60.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 15.—Following the initiative in the Connellsville field, a reduction in the wages of coke workers in the Central Pennsylvania field will probably result. Some 20,000 employes will be affected. The smaller concerns in this region claim they cannot compete with Frick company unless they cut the wages to do it. A reduction of many of the miners is said by coal operators to be inevitable next spring at the joint conference of miners and operators here.

PENNYPACKER SEES HISTORICAL RELICS

YORK, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker visited York today on his way to Hanover. The governor was driven to the court house, where the rooms of the York County Historical society were visited. The governor inspected the relics, under the direction of Col. George B. Prowell, curator.

AMMON SCORES IN THE INQUIRY

Prisoner Claims Assets of the Franklin Syndicate.

MILLER'S ADMISSION

Former Friends Are Taken from Jail and Have Tilt in Court.

A NEW FEATURE ESTABLISHED

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Herald Building, Herald Square.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Sallow almost to a degree of ghastliness and showing a new quality of defiance, William F. Miller, convict, of Franklin Syndicate notoriety, faced as an enemy another convict, his former friend and counsel, Robert A. Ammon, in proceedings before Robert Tilney, referee in the federal building, Brooklyn, today.

From their cells Ammon and Miller were taken before the referee on a writ obtained by Ammon and issued on the allegation that he had discovered additional assets of the Franklin Syndicate, his assertions practically charging Miller with perjury and further defrauding of his creditors.

"I defy you or any man to prove that I have not turned over all the assets," shouted Miller angrily to Ammon, from the stand."

"Then answer my questions," replied Ammon, hotly. "If you don't I shall compel you by application to Judge Thomas."

One new point was established. Miller, pressed hard by Ammon, admitted the existence of an agreement by the terms of which Ammon was to receive one-half of such assets as might be saved by him from the wreck. On Miller making this admission Ammon gave notice that he would file a claim for one-half of the assets which might be discovered by the present inquiry.

When the hearing was adjourned until December 29, Ammon, with his wife on his arm, jauntily led the way to the street and returned to jail.

FRANK A. PARKER.

MORE MARINES ORDERED TO ISTHMUS OF PANAMA

Cruiser Dixie Is Hurried to Philadelphia—Treaty Arrives from Colon.

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]

COLON, Dec. 15. The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie this afternoon received orders to hurry home to Philadelphia and take on board more marines for the isthmus. The vessel is discharging her cargo with a rush. Rear Admiral Walker sailed today for New York on the Seguranca.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The steamship City of Washington arrived today from Colon, bringing the signed copy of the canal treaty with the new republic of Panama. The treaty was in a metal tube in charge of the purser, who turned it over to a representative of the government on the dock.

The Hon. W. I. Buchanan, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the new republic of Panama, sailed for Colon today on board the Panama Railroad Steamship Company's steamer Tenedos. He will land at Colon one week from today.

Mr. Buchanan said he anticipated no diplomatic difficulties which will not be easily arranged.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—A letter addressed to President Roosevelt, putting forward the British bondholders' position about Panama and Colombia has been forwarded. The latter asks the president to use his good offices to secure an equitable assumption of a portion of the debt by the Panama leaders. The statement that Holland and Great Britain insist that Panama shall assume liability for $15,000,000 of the Colombian debt is emphatically denied by the council, which points out that no such large sum was ever demanded of the Panama's share.

CATHOLIC PRELATE IS SUED BY EDITOR

Claims He Sent Newspapers to America to Counteract Americanization of the Church.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

ROME, Dec. 15.—Editor Spalding of the Roman Herald caused a sensation to be issued today against Father Martin, general of the Society of Jesus, to obtain compensation with costs for work done in the propaganda against the Americanization of the Catholic church in the United States.

The editor says that Father Martin promised to obtain from Pope Leo an encyclical condemning the Americanists in the church and recalling Archbishop Ireland in due observance to the holy see.

Spalding was to arouse public opinion through the Tyne Catholic American, so sung in England and Italy, copies of which were sent to the United States. Father Martin says Editor Spalding's allegation is false and that the case is out of hand.

DOWIE'S COUNSEL FILES DEMURRER TO PETITION

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A demurrer to petition of the creditors, which received December 8 in the appointment of two receivers to take charge of all the property of John Alexander Dowie at Zion City, was filed today in the United States district court by counsel for Dowie. Dowie raises a number of technical legal objections to the form of the creditors' petition and asks to have the bankruptcy proceedings dismissed. The demurrer will be taken up for consideration by Judge Kohlsaat next week.

BEAR'S CLAW OVER KOREA

Russian Influence is Spreading in the Contested Territory.

JAPS CLASH WITH KOREANS

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

SEOUL, Dec. 15.—More rioting has occurred at Mokpho and yesterday a Japanese mob wounded 17 Koreans. High Korean officials are hurrying to Mokpho to try and quell the disorders. So far Russia has not interfered. United States Minister Allen has demanded a definite apology from the Korean government in regard to the opening of the port of Wiju.

Despite American, British and Japanese pressure, Russian influence over the Korean government is apparently unshaken and it is expected that Korea will procrastinate in dealing with the matter and possibly may refuse eventually to act at all. A feeling of unrest is growing upon the Korean people who fear that whether it be peace or war between Russia and Japan that the extinction of the empire is imminent.

It is believed that the outbreak of hostilities on the announcement of a protectorate of any kind will precipitate trouble. Foreigners in Seoul expected disorder and the American residents desire a warship. The Korean army, numbering 8,000 men, is considered one of the most dangerous factors of the situation as an insubordinate element is believed to be beyond control in case of trouble. It is feared that the soldiers will be the first to lead the rioting and begin looting.

A part of the Russian squadron has already departed for Port Arthur and the remainder of the fleet will follow, leaving no warships of that nation in Korean waters.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Dispatches from Indo-China report the massing of French troops on the Siamese border, in which event it was the opinion of the officials of Indo-China are quoted as saying that the occupation of a large slice of Siam has been decided upon. The authorities in Paris do not believe that a rupture with Siam will occur and say the measures taken are merely precautionary.

TOKYO, Dec. 15.—The senior statesmen of Japan have just met for the purpose of considering the reply of the Russian government to the Japanese proposals concerning the difficulties in the far east.

ROME, Dec. 15.—Lieut. Col. Kurada Torasuke, the Japanese military attache here, has received orders to leave Rome at the end of the month and return directly to Japan.

BOYCE IS CONVICTED.

Speedy Ending of His Trial for Shooting Howard H. Ramsey.

BEAVER, PA., Dec. 15.—The trial of Edward Boyce of Conway, indicted for shooting Howard M. Ramsay, closed at noon today. An hour and a half later the jury returned a verdict of guilty as indicted.

The father of the prosecutor and the two sisters were on the stand. Frank Frazier testified that last January he found Boyce with a revolver threatening the life of Anna Ramsey and put him out of the house. District Attorney Cooper speaking of the letter read yesterday said: "The letter surpasses any love letter any of us old bachelors have ever heard of. Such threats and such ardent wooing, threatening to kill his sweetheart ten times in a four-page letter, shows his character."

CROATIAN SUSPECTS DUE.

Pittsburgh Officer Leaves for New York to Relieve McQuaide and Kelly.

Superintendent of Detectives Thomas A. McQuaide and Detective Richard Kelly are expected to arrive in New York today on the steamship Teutonic from London with the two Croatians suspected of having killed Contractor Samuel F. Ferguson at Middletown, Washington county, on September 25. The Croatians were recently turned over to the local detectives after extradition proceedings.

The prisoners will be brought to this city at once. Detective James W. Eagan was detailed to New York last night by Acting Superintendent of Detectives William Elmore to meet the officers and their prisoners. Detective Eagan will relieve the officers of the care of the prisoners from New York to this city. A number of Supt. McQuaide's friends left for New York last night to meet him.

Barbers Elect Officers.

The local barbers' union last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: William J. Trischler, president; E. J. Kaye, vice president; George J. Trischler, financial and corresponding secretary; A. Overcasher, recorder; T. B. Brangwynne, treasurer; H. Albrecht, guardian; P. Glesberger, guide; John Rousher, George Auth and Calvin Welsh, trustees; H. J. Zwiegart, J. Sautee and V. E. Hauks, finance committee.

Laying Off and Putting on Men.

The puddlers at Lockhart's steel wire mills, McKees Rocks, have been laid off until January 1, and the Pressed Steel Car works at Schoenville will shut down for the same period. In Cornopolis the Consolidated Glass Company, employing about 400 hands, has shut down. At the Neville Island furnaces men are being put on constantly.

Pittsburgh's Smallpox Record.

Sherman Powell, 23 years old and married, of 2007 Fifth avenue, died at the Municipal hospital yesterday of smallpox. He had been ill 19 days. Two new cases of smallpox were reported to the Pittsburgh bureau of health yesterday. They were Harry Cards of 58 Soho street and John Bowers of 1015 Tustin street.

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NO FURTHER GIFTS TO CITY CONTAINED IN SCHENLEY WILL

Son-in-Law of Deceased Benefactress of Pittsburgh Says Document Now in Probate Provides for No Public Bequests.

[Special Cable to The Gazette.]
From a Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—A sore disappointment awaits those Pittsburghers who anticipated that the death of Mrs. Mary E. Schenley would witness further benefactions to the city of steel. Today her son-in-law, Col. Charles Gore, announced positively to your correspondent that the will probated a few days ago contained no public bequests.

While this is a surprise to many, yet those who knew the deceased intimately say that it is but the fulfillment of the policy that Mrs. Schenley adopted years ago, the performing of charities during her lifetime.

Col. Charles Gore had just left his solicitors when I saw him. He had but completed the examination of papers appertaining to the Schenley document. He was in positive possession of the facts of the will. He declined absolutely to discuss the provisions of the document, but at earnest solicitation he said The Gazette might announce that no public bequests were embraced in the document.

He intimated, and as all Pittsburghers are well aware, that Mrs. Schenley felt great pride in the title of "The Benefactress of Pittsburgh," and that the lavish gifts to "her" city was but the consummation of a plan of idealism long ago conceived, and which before her death she considered carried to the limit. He said her reward was in the esteem in which the public park bearing the family name was held by Pittsburgh's citizens.

Of the vast estate controlled by the Schenley agents in and about Pittsburgh Col. Gore would say nothing. Neither would he discuss the document known as the American will, of which Andrew Carnegie, the steel master, is trustee. This paper contains the disposition of the American estate, but, like the will probated here, contains no public bequests.

Col. Gore is deeply touched by Mrs. Schenley's death, and it was only upon repeated representations of the interest felt in Pittsburgh over the matter that he would consent to be interviewed. It will be considerable time before the exact contents of the English will can be made public owing to the tedious process of the courts, and it was to set aside any misconception regarding its context that Col. Gore submitted to an interview by The Gazette. CURTIS BROWN.

BENNETT THREATENED BY BIG CONFLAGRATION

Allegheny Hurriedly Sends Three Fire Companies to Scene. Entire Town Aroused.

Fire broke out in the Bennett planing mill at Bennett station shortly after 1 o'clock this morning and in a short time communicated to several dwelling houses near the mill. Help was summoned from the nearby boroughs, but at 1:30 o'clock it was seen that the plant and dwellings were doomed to destruction, and as the fire was spreading a call was sent to Allegheny for aid.

Three fire companies responded and the fire apparatus was loaded on flat cars and shortly before 2 o'clock they were started for the scene of the fire.

It is not thought that the plant or any of the nearby dwellings can be saved.

People living in the houses attacked by the fire were forced to flee from the burning structures in their night clothing, and as the fire spread rapidly not many were able to save their household furnishings.

After 1:30 o'clock communication with Bennett by telephone was cut off almost entirely, owing to the excitement. The entire town was aroused by the extent of the fire.

The fire is supposed to have started in the Bennett planing mill. The fierce glare of the burning structure lighted up the surrounding country and aroused the residents in the vicinity of the plant. Bucket brigades were hastily formed and water was passed along the line and thrown on the burning structure. The flames soon communicated to the dwelling house near the plant and, while some fought the flames in the plant, others dashed the houses with water in the hope of stopping the spread of the flames which were traveling rapidly.

When it was seen that the efforts of the bucket brigades were unavailing calls were sent out to the volunteer fire companies located in the surrounding boroughs for aid, and these responded. Soon the entire plant with several buildings were in flames, and a telephone call was sent to Allegheny for assistance.

Apparatus from Engine companies Nos. 1, 6 and 8 were called upon, and as fast as the firemen could be gotten out they were started for Bennett, which address Milward Hunter of the Allegheny fire bureau started ahead of the Allegheny fire apparatus and reached the scene first. Before assistance from Allegheny reached the scene the brewery near the planing mill was afire.

STILL FAVOR HANNA.

Friends of Ohio Senator Gather Hope of His Accepting Presidential Nomination.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 15.—Senator Hanna's friends are building hopes of him permitting himself to be offered for presidential honors on the last sentence of the following letter which one of them received from him today:

"My Dear Sir:—I have read with interest your kind letter of the 4th inst., and assure you of my sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed in the same and for your regard and confidence in me. Such suggestions as you make with reference to next year, are of course, highly complimentary, but my position on this subject is well defined and well known. I have no personal ambition to serve and cannot be considered in any sense a candidate for the presidential nomination. My only desire is to serve my party to the extent of my ability. Again thanking you for your kindness, I remain, Yours truly,

"M. A. HANNA."

TRAGEDY IN VENANGO.

Laborer Kills Wife Who Refused to Return and Commits Suicide.

OIL CITY, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Leonard Johnson, a laborer, aged 50 years, living near Nebraska, a lumber town in Forest county, shot and killed his wife today and then committed suicide by shooting himself. Johnson and his wife had not been living together. When she refused to live with him again he killed her.

The sheriff at Tionesta with a posse started in pursuit. Late tonight the officers found the body of the murderer in the woods with a bullet hole through his head.

Deadlock of Long Standing.

The Sixteenth ward school board will endeavor to break a long-standing deadlock at the next meeting, the first Wednesday in January, by electing a janitor. The trouble arose on June 14 when Thomas Grassell was nominated to oppose John Wrassee for re-election. Dr. C. Bleuchler, Thomas Lee and John W. Swan have voted steadily for Wrassee, while John Nolan, Joseph A. Smith and Lee Schaltenberger supported Grassell. In the meantime Wrassee has held the place.

Charles S. Rannells Is Dead.

Charles S. Rannells, aged 60, for two terms representative from Hocking and Vinton counties in the Ohio general assembly, died yesterday at his home in Zaleski, of pneumonia. He was the author of the constitutional amendment giving each county in the state, regardless of population, a representative in the legislature, which was carried at the last November election.

Captured by Railroad Police.

Special Officer Hodges, of the P. R. R. police yesterday arrested Frank Heterigh, John Haymick, George Dedering, Marshall Ludwig and Charles Mond in the Twenty-eighth street yards. The first three were said to be stealing coal and the other two are charged with stealing lumber.

Mr. Montgomery Is [illegible]

Archibald Montgomery, aged 70 years, died yesterday at his home in [illegible] county, Pa. Funeral [illegible] in Bear

BERNAARDT SCORES A NEW TRIUMPH

Does Remarkable Piece of Acting for "La Sorciere," in Her Theater.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Sardou's "La Sorciere" was produced by Sarah Bernhardt tonight at her own theater and was a great triumph for both author and actress. The action of the play passes in Toledo in the middle ages. Georya, the daughter of a Moorish physician, is enamored of Don Enricke, a Spanish captain, who returns her passion, thus braving the risk of the terrible punishment allotted to a Christian who unites himself with Moor and forgetting momentarily his betrothal to Juana, daughter of the governor of the city.

Juana, who is a sleep walker, seeks a cure for her affliction at the hands of Zoroya, whose accomplishments have earned for her the reputation of a sorceress. Juana reveals to Zoroya that the man whom she is to marry on the morrow is Don Enricke. Zoroya determines to prevent the marriage and obtaining an entrance to the governor's palace, puts Juana to sleep. Don Enrique on approaching the bridal chamber, finds at the threshold a veiled woman who overwhelms him with reproaches. He explains that he was betrothed to Juana before he knew Zoroya and that honor compelled the fulfillment of his pledge. Zoroya, influenced by Don Enrique's explanation, is just about to forgive him when an officer of the inquisition arrives to arrest her for witchcraft. Don Enrique resists the officer and he and Zoroya are carried before the inquisition tribunal.

Bernhardt has a splendid scene in which Zoroya, in order to save Don Enrique, confesses whatever is required of her, declares that she bewitched Don Enrique and that she alone is the guilty one. The court acquits the captain and condemns the woman to the stake.

Guessing the truth Don Enrique arrives at the place of action at the same moment the pardon for Zoroya from the governor is received, the pardon being given because the Moor alone is able to reawaken Juana. The mob is furious at seeing their victim about to escape and tries to seize her when Don Enrique draws his sword and defends her until it is seen that his efforts are hopeless. Then Zoroya conveys poison to the captain by a kiss and the two die together amid the howling of the mob.

ESCAPE TO BE PROBED.

Superintendent of Philadelphia Institution Released Pending Investigation.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Robert McBride, the superintendent of the house of correction, was suspended at noon today by Director of Public Safety David J. Smyth, pending the result of an investigation in the case of the escape of nine prisoners from the institution early yesterday morning.

The escape of the prisoners and the investigation at the institution now begun, is very apt to result in a thorough reorganization of the bureau of correction. At the beginning of the present administration, when the new department of public health and charities and also of supplies were organized the bureau of correction, which formerly was part of the old department of charities and corrections, was transferred to the department of public safety.

TURKS IN THE WRONG.

Report Shows Them to Be Aggressive in Alexandretta Affair.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 15.—The United States legation has received an exhaustive report of the recent incident at Alexandretta, fully convicting the local authorities and police of making unwarranted attack on Consul Davis and of arbitrary interference with him in pursuit of his duties, and showing that although Attarian, the naturalized American, had been 10 days in Alexandretta, he was not molested until he attempted to embark for Egypt under the protection of the consul.

The legation has transmitted the report to Washington and is awaiting instructions.

TO STOP PRIZE FIGHTS.

Municipal League Organized in Millvale to Keep an Eye on Affairs.

The disposition on the part of prizefight promoters to make Millvale the battle ground of pugilists has resulted in the organization of a municipal league which has for its purpose the general welfare of the borough. The league was formed last night and is the outgrowth of the committee of forty that was instrumental in stopping a fight in the Millvale Opera house last week.

Samuel N. Murphy was elected president; the Rev. C. M. McCambell, C. C. Young and Michael Schab, vice presidents; Miles Hollinger, secretary, and James Vero, treasurer. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

It is the intention of those interested in the league to have a hand in all future legislation enacted in the borough council and to enforce a curfew law among the children. Another meeting will be called soon.

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MR. KNOX MAKES GREAT ARGUMENT

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court in which the sovereignty of the United States over the Philippines was decided.

Court Gave Close Attention.

When the session of court opened at noon, Attorney General Knox, who had spoken for 40 minutes yesterday, resumed his argument. Every seat in the room was occupied and among the interested listeners was Mrs. Roosevelt, who also attended yesterday. Today she was accompanied by the president's sister, Mrs. Cowles. Mr. Knox had his speech prepared and followed the manuscript closely, but not in such a manner as to detract from his delivery. His words were followed attentively by every listener and his argument was so clear and lucid that any layman could readily see the force of it.

His voice was well modulated and at times it rose and rang out through the chamber as he emphasized some particular point. It was noticeable that the court gave him the closest attention, and at one time when Justice Holmes interrupted him to ask for a repitition of some statement which he had not quite understood, before the attorney general could resume, five of the eight justices interposed some question or interpolated some remark bearing upon the argument. And from none of these interruptions could the appellants gather the slightest encouragement, since if there was any significance in them, it was in favor of the speaker, because each question accentuated the point brought out by the attorney general.

Judge Was Wrong.

At one period Mr. Knox made the statement that in the trans-Missouri case it was shown that the power to fix rates absolutely had been delegated by the roads concerned in the combination. To this statement of fact Justice White took exception, saying that the attorney general was evidently in error.

Mr. Knox replied that such was his recollection of the case and that he believed himself to be right, but that if he found he was wrong he would retract the statement. As he proceeded with his speech, Assistant Attorney General Day looked up the record of the case, and Justice White did likewise. At the close of his speech Mr. Knox called attention to the statement and was preparing to read from the record to show that he was right, when Justice White interrupted and said that he himself had looked it up and found that he was mistaken and the attorney general was correct.

Thorough preparation was evident in every authority quoted, every decision referred to by the attorney general, and his plan of argument was immensely strengthened by the fact that whatever phase of the question he discussed he always came back to the main contention on which the government's case rests—that this is a combination in restraint of trade. This was the wedge that he kept hammering home with strong and steady strokes and with complete mastery of himself and his subject.

When he had finished, Secretary of the Navy Moody, himself a leading lawyer, said that it was the ablest argument he had ever heard. This opinion was shared by many others and the confidence of the attorneys of the department of justice in winning the final decision has been greatly strengthened. This is the first case that Mr. Knox has argued before the supreme court since he became attorney general.

Colored Citizens Elect Officers.

The third annual convention of the Colored Citizens party organization was held last night in Nichols's hall, in Fulton street. An election for officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Charles Bullard, Ward; Vice chairman, Marion Hall, Twenty-eighth ward; secretary, J. Will Gatewood, Thirteenth ward; treasurer, Jacob Freeman, Fourteenth ward.

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$450 Knabe piano	295
$600 Decker piano	350

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Electric light being too expensive, the borough council of Carnegie last night decided to interview the heads of various gas companies and learn whether gas will not be much cheaper. It was decided to sell the old fire department building in the First ward. The board of trade has decided to organize and equip a company in the Second ward at its own expense.

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J. M. CAMP FOR PRESIDENT

Nominations Made for Officers of Engineers' Society for the Coming Year.

Nominations, which are equivalent to elections, were reported at the meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Engineers' society last evening as follows:

President, J. M. Camp, chief chemist, Duquesne steel works; second vice president, G. E. Flanagan; treasurer, A. E. Frost; secretary, C. W. Ridinger; directors, two years, J. K. Lyons and Willis Whited.

Mr. Camp is now first vice president, but in the absence of President Chester B. Albree he has been acting president. Samuel A. Diescher, now second vice president, moves up to first vice president for the coming year.

Victor Beutner read a paper on "The Manufacture of Welded Pipe." He said that detailed descriptions of the processes used had been kept carefully from encyclopedias, technical journals, etc., by those in control of the industry. His paper treated the subject in detail, however, the topic being illustrated with charts and lantern slides showing the progress of the steel through the furnaces, its conversion into skelp, its rounding and final welding into pipe.

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A piano for Christmas would certainly brighten the enjoyment of the occasion. Then there is the Angelus Piano Player. The Angelus would be a delightful Christmas present. Any member of the family can play the piano with the aid of the Angelus.

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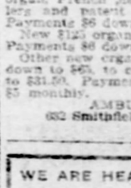

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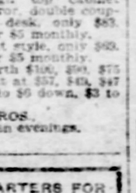

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OLD BOILER COST ONE MAN'S LIFE

Three Men Injured in an Explosion in a Swissvale Slaughter House.

DAY OF MANY SMALL FIRES

The explosion of an old boiler in the slaughter house of Emil Krug, at Monteer and Swissvale avenues, Swissvale, shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, resulted in the injury of three men, one of whom, the son of the proprietor, being hurt fatally. The building, a one-story frame structure, was completely wrecked. Pieces of the boiler were found several hundred feet away from the scene of the explosion. The injured are:

FRED KRUG, aged 25, son of the proprietor; terribly scalded, pelvis crushed, ribs fractured and body badly bruised. Taken to his home at 1120 Swissvale avenue, where he died last night about 11 o'clock.

JULIUS KOLOFSKY, aged 25, Freesburg; body scalded; taken to Mercy hospital.

JULIUS KREEGER, home in New York; arms and body scalded.

The three men injured were employed at the slaughter house. Young Krug was buried under the ruins, being fatally injured by the heavy timbers and escaping steam. The boiler is said to have been of 40-horse power. The proprietor says he left the boiler five minutes before the accident and claims it registered 45 pounds of steam and was three-fourths full of water. He said he purchased it five years ago from an Allegheny butcher.

The boiler was eight feet long and three feet in diameter. One half of it was found at Swissvale and Hill avenues, 25 feet away from the slaughter house, and the other half the same distance away on Monteer avenue. It was blown 300 feet up in the air, the force of the explosion being felt as far away as Wilkinsburg and causing a panic in the school opposite the slaughter house. The proprietor claims a loss of $5,000.

The window of a barber shop in a new building in Fifth avenue, Homestead, yesterday afternoon, two men were painfully burned and injured and the building damaged to the extent of $300. The injured are: James Merton, Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, thrown across the top lander and burned and bruised on the head and body; Samuel Graham, McClure street, Homestead, cut on the head and face and bruised on the body.

Merton was placing some chandeliers in position when the escaping gas ignited from a burning torch.

Live coals falling from a portable furnace set fire to the new eight-story building being erected by D. L. Clark, in Fifth avenue, Sixteenth ward, yesterday morning. The blaze occurred on the third floor and was extinguished after about $500 damage had been done.

Fire damaged the apartment building at 4107 street and Wallace avenue, Wilkinsburg, yesterday. The building is occupied by 12 families and the fire, which resulted from an attempt to thaw frozen water pipes, caused a panic among the tenants. J. R. Hill owns the building.

A lighted torch falling into a pile of excelsior packing at the office of Muir & Co., 535 Grant street, caused a small blaze yesterday. About $50 damage was done.

A blaze at the home of Mrs. Mabel Washington, 1257 Liberty avenue, was caused yesterday by a defective flue. The roof was damaged.

A small blaze in the home of Philip Shafer, 501 East street, Allegheny, last evening at 6 o'clock, was caused by rubbish in a closet being ignited. Damage slight.

A defective flue in the residence of Mrs. J. Pastorine, 2728 Carson street, South side, caused an alarm to be sent in yesterday afternoon. There was no damage.

A mantelpiece catching fire caused a small blaze yesterday afternoon in the house of G. Daner, at No. 2 Cannehill street. An alarm was sent in.

PLUG PRESSURE BETTER IN DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Fire Marshal McGill Tells What Benefit Incomplete Improvements Have Already Given.

Fire Marshall William D. McGill is much pleased with the work of the fire bureau at the Arnott power building on Monday, and with the sufficiency of the increased water pressure, caused by the new downtown water system even now, before all the plug connections have been made. Mr. McGill said:

"I asked one engineer what his plug pressure was, and he told me 70 pounds; another engine had a plug pressure of 85 pounds, something unheard of in the congested district, where the plug pressure used to be from 35 to 45 pounds. One engine company was much chagrined on going to one of the new plugs to find that it was not connected yet with the water mains. The new plugs have not all been connected, and in some places the water pipes are still above ground, but there has been great improvement in conditions."

The loss by the fire is estimated at $25,000, even below the very conservative estimate made by The Gazette yesterday morning. The damage to the building is not more than $7,000; the actual loss on the goods on the seventh floor of the first section, where the fire started, is about $6,000; the loss by the Rawsthorne Lithographing and Engraving Company is about $7,000, and other tenants lost about $2,000.

Will Lecture on Transportation.

The Pittsburgh local branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers will meet tonight at the Electric club, 705 Penn avenue, Wilkinsburg, to hear an address by Bion J. Arnold, president of the institute. Mr. Arnold was employed recently by the city authorities of Chicago to study the transportation problem in that city, and made a report that has aroused great interest. This report will be the basis of his lecture tonight.

Was Strenuous, Now Arabooche.

A certificate of amendment was filed at Dover, Del., yesterday for an increase in capital stock and change of name of the Strenuous Metallic Packing Company of Pittsburgh to the Little Arabooche Company; capital stock, being increased from $150,000 to $250,000. The business of the corporation is the manufacture of machinery. The incorporators are M. V. Reid and L. C. Andrews of Pittsburgh and J. G. Gray of Wilmington.

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TWENTIETH WARD ORPHAN TICKET

Waifs Name Their Men and Decide to Make an Independent Fight.

DEAL MADE IN SIXTEENTH

Twentieth ward Orphans have nominated a ticket. Some of the members of the committee thought it wise to confer with the Republicans in the hope that the two parties could agree upon the same men for councils, but a majority of the membership rejected the proposition.

For select councilman Daniel Ashworth, a consulting engineer, was named. The three candidates for common councilmen are J. W. Smith, grain merchant; A. C. Ferguson, tin plate manufacturer, and T. J. Williams, a contractor. Smith is a Democrat and the other nominees are Republicans. The men named for school directors are Dr. T. D. Davis, Capt. W. T. Easton and H. Lee Mason. James H. Hargrave was chosen for ward assessor.

The committee met in the Friendship school house and 22 members out of a possible 45 were present. It developed that the Fifth and Eleventh districts had not been organized and that so far but one delegate had been chosen in the Twelfth and Fifteenth districts. The work of organization has been in progress for about five weeks.

Wanted to Stand Alone.

At the meeting of the committee Saturday night it was impossible to secure a ward chairman and a committee on permanent organization was appointed, its chief duty was to endeavor to secure the consent of Oliver Middlebrock to take the position. When unfinished business was called for Mr. Jarrett made a motion to defer that order for the present. J. U. Wragg insisted upon a report of the committee, saying, "If we are going to have a fight let us have it right now."

Jarrett then explained that the committee had experienced trouble in securing a chairman and inasmuch as there was talk of conferring with the Republicans, he thought it wise to delay the election of the chairman until that matter was disposed of. He remarked that if a combination was made with the Republicans it might make a difference in the man who would manage the campaign for the Orphans.

J. W. Smith made this statement: "If that is your purpose I am ready to adjourn sine die. If we make an arrangement with either of the other parties we lower our standard. Should your proposition be accepted, I will leave the room. I make a motion to lay your motion on the table."

The motion of Smith was carried almost unanimously. W. Warren Wattles, as chairman of the committee on organization, declared that Middlebrock could not take the chairmanship. Charles S. Crawford was named for permanent chairman, with the understanding that he would be given an aggressive vice chairman. Crawford was selected and Thomas Lane was chosen for vice chairman. A. C. Ferguson was elected secretary and J. U. Wragg, treasurer. An executive committee, consisting of one man from each of the 15 districts, was chosen. Chairman Crawford was authorized to appoint committees on finance, headquarters and literature.

Ashworth Had No Opposition.

When nominations for select council were called for, Daniel Ashworth was suggested and no opposition appeared. For the three common council nominations there was a contest. T. J. Williams was the first man named. Oliver McClintock then suggested Curtis M. Wilcock, secretary of the Voters' Civic league, R. W. Guthrie and ex-Postmaster J. C. O'Donnell were the next suggestions. The latter refused to allow his name to stand. Nominations resulted, when Oliver McClintock suggested Common Councilman J. C. Wasson. He said that his record was excellent and that his vote in councils had always been cast in the interest of Pittsburgh. John H. Niesaum and Lingfield Wattles also voted for a Republican candidate for the select council nomination. He thought it would be bad policy for the Orphans to name him, adding that he could not support Wasson.

J. U. Wragg said that in the interest of harmony he would like to have Mr. McClintock withdraw Wasson. To this McClintock replied: "I do not want to do anything contrary to harmony, but I have never heard any but personal objection to Mr. Wasson. Nothing can be said against his public record, and that should be the test."

Smith made another speech similar to his first one in which he declared against both Willock and Wasson. He said that after the Orphans had named their ticket they would be glad to have an indorsement from the Republicans. McClintock said that as Niebaum had suggested that Wasson was the Republican candidate for select, and his nomination by the Orphans might complicate matters, he would withdraw his name.

McClintock Declined to Run.

Someone named McClintock, but he declined to run. W. W. Wattles also refused to allow his name to be voted upon. The last suggestion was A. C. Ferguson. There was no opposition to the selection of Davis, Easton and Mason for school directors.

James H. Hargrave and D. W. Anderson were named for ward assessor. The former received 16 and the latter four votes. The vote on common councilmen resulted as follows: Williams, 15; Guthrie, 11; Willock, 9; Smith, 13, and Ferguson, 18. Short addresses were made by Orphans W. H. Stevenson, W. C. Reitz and W. B. Wolfe.

The Orphans, Democrats and Citizens consummated their deal in the Sixteenth ward last night by the selection of this ticket: Thomas O'Brien for select, and Gotlieb Steer and Richard Muse for common council. O'Brien is an Orphan and the others are Citizen and Democrat. Charles Baurs and Dr. Frank Kenwerthy were named for school directors. Louis Kwozalla was slated for ward assessor.

The Fifteenth ward Republicans have decided to hold their suggestion meeting on the night of December 30.

Mayor W. B. Hays, members of his cabinet, Thomas S. Bigelow and M. A. Verner held a conference yesterday. They said that the councilmanic campaign was discussed.

Driver Sticks Head Through Mirror.

William Jenkins, colored, a Rankin furniture driver, stuck his head through a mirror and was seriously hurt last night. He was driving a two-horse team with a wagon loaded high with furniture up the steep grade of Kenmawr avenue, Rankin. The street car line crosses the avenue overhead and Jenkins found that the load of furniture would not go beneath the viaduct. As he attempted to turn the wagon around the whole load upset, breaking the furniture up and sending him headlong through a big mirror.

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DIED OF DRINK IN COUNTY JAIL

Two Men Were Victims of Alcoholism and Were Released by Death.

DESPERATE WOMAN'S SUICIDE

Two men died from alcoholism in the Allegheny county jail yesterday. John Devlin died at 10 o'clock last night and Antonio Shiffet at noon. Devlin was committed to jail for court on Saturday on a charge of larceny. He was suffering with delirium tremens when admitted to the jail. He was a peddler.

Shiffet was committed to jail on a charge of drunkenness about 10 days ago. He had been ill during his entire confinement. He was to be released at noon, the hour he died. He was 30 years old and lived at 4037 Butler street.

John Francis Moran, 24 years old, a brakeman on the Allegheny Valley railroad, was run over and killed by an engine last night in the yards at Sixteenth street. He was about to step on the running board of the engine tender. He lost his footing and fell under the wheels. He lived in Fifty-fourth street.

Nannie Arthurs, 26 years old, of Salem, Va., committed suicide last night in the house of Kate Edwards at 322 Third avenue, by drinking carbolic acid. The woman had been drinking for several days and was despondent. She bought three bottles of poison. The first two were taken away from her, but she bought a third and fatal bottle.

While playing near the fire Ruth Allem, 6 years old, colored, was burned to death at 48 Red row, Becks Run, yesterday afternoon.

Herman Faith, 28 years old, died at his home, 328 Journal street, West End, yesterday from scalds received Monday by falling into a vat of hot water. He was sitting on the edge of the vat in the slaughter house of C. A. Shaner, when he lost his balance and fell backward into the water.

The inquest in the death of Morris Perowsky, who died Monday from injuries received by falling down the elevator shaft in a downtown department store, was held yesterday, and it was found that death was due to accident. The boy had just gotten off the elevator as the cage started upward and he fell down the shaft 80 feet. He lived at 1428 Colwell street.

Mrs. Alice Nugent, 60 years old, was found dead in bed at her home, 1415 Webster avenue, yesterday. She had suffered several attacks of paralysis recently, and it is thought she died in another during the night.

CLOSING TIME OF THE MAILS AT PITTSBURGH POSTOFFICE

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Philadelphia—2:30, 6:30, 7:30, 11:30 a. m.; 4:10, 6:30, 10:30 p. m.

Baltimore—2:30, 6:30, 7:30 a. m.; 12:45, 6:00, 8:30, 9:30 p. m.

Atlantic City—2:30, 7:30, 11:30 a. m.; 4:00, 6:30, 8:30, 9:30 p. m.

Buffalo—7:30, 8:30 a. m.; 8:00, 6:30, 10:15, 11:30 p. m.

Cleveland—5:30, 7:30, 8:30 a. m.; 3:00, 6:30, 11:30 p. m.

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St. Louis—1:30, 5:10, 11:30 a. m.; 8:45 p. m.

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San Francisco—3:30, 8:30, 11:30 a. m.; 7:30, 8:45 p. m.

Denver—1:30, 8:30, 11:30 a. m.; 7:30, 8:45 p. m.

Boston—2:30, 7:30 a. m.; 4:10, 6:30, 8:30, 9:30 p. m.

STATE AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

DORSET, O.—The plant of the Dorset Cooperage Company was burned. Loss $10,000.

MEDIA, PA.—Jesse Green, colored, convicted of the murder of his wife in Chester, was hanged.

OIL CITY, PA.—John Love, a gardener, aged 72 years, was killed by a street car, under which he rolled after falling.

WARREN, O.—The seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Rete Dempster of Greene died from convulsions caused by eating matches.

LATROBE, PA.—James Sullivan was given a preliminary hearing, being accused of setting fire to a barn of John Kent, the loss being $15,000.

CUMBERLAND, MD.—When the water was drawn from the Chesapeake & Ohio canal the body of Charles Gross, who has been missing, was found.

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We beg to inform our friends and the public that our business is going on as usual, the fire having been confined to one of our warerooms in rear building.

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JOSEPH HORNE CO.

Weather—Fair. Wednesday, December 16, 1903.

A Few Words to Residents of Surrounding Towns.

To people down the Monongahela Valley, through the Ohio Valley, out along the P. R. R., and across the river up north on the Western R. R.—one and all can save the entire expense of the city trip by coming to this store for Christmas shopping.

The astonishing activity noticed in both our West and East Store from the moment the doors open in the morning until the closing hours in the evening shows that this store has an *enviable reputation* for supplying the every want of Christmas shoppers.

People are daily becoming more and more educated to the fact that *best* goods are in the long run the most desirable, and that *best goods of every sort*, no matter what the line may be, are sold here on *a lower profit basis* than anywhere else around Pittsburg; they are coming to understand more and more that *greater variety is here*, that larger assortments, such as we carry, mean greater variety.

Out-of-town residents can come in on early morning trains and spend the entire day here—our generously enlarged Restaurant is open to the public from 8 A. M. until 5:30 P. M., and beginning next Saturday it, with the entire store, will be open evenings.

Men's Storm Ulsters, $15.00 from $22.00, and $20.00 from $25.00 and $28.00.

Somehow or other ulsters have lost caste, but we want to tell you, especially you men who have to be much out of doors in such weather as this, that there is no outer coat so comfortable as the ulster with its immense collar. A fig for what Fashion says when it comes to comfort. Why, the very sight of a man these cold days with his ulster is enviable.

Today we are going to sell black and blue Chinchilla ulsters, with immense deep collars, at $15.00 for a $22.00 grade, at $20.00 for a $25.00 and $28.00 grade.

We've a bit of good news for men who own automobiles, new line of Fur Lined Coats. One line in particular we want you to see soon, an automobile coat that is reversible, black leather on one side, black fur cord on the other, wear the fur side out or the leather side, as you like. The price is $60.00.

Another line of regular Overcoats with fur lining and fur trimming, such as collar of Persian lamb, lining of Mink, $60.00 and on up to $225.00.

In our regular lines of men's overcoats the following is presented for your reading:

Regular Sack Overcoats, $15.00, $20.00, $22.00 and up to $35.00.
Full Box Back Overcoats, $18.00, $20.00, $25.00 and up to $50.00.
Paletot or Frock Overcoats, $25.00, $35.00, $45.00.
Long Overcoats, having belt, $20.00, $25.00, $30.00 and up to $40.00.

Christmas Sale of Ribbons Today.

We couldn't begin this notice better than by saying we have all ribbons in the shades of holly, for tying parcels, hanging wreaths and for every Christmas use to which ribbons are brought, at 1c a yard and up to 15c. The width range is from ⅛ of an inch to 3 inches.

The other part of this Christmas Ribbon Sale consists of the following:

Plain Satin Liberty Ribbon—4½ and 5 inches—25c a yard from 45c.

Fancy Ribbons—4½ and 5 inches—25c a yard from 45c.

Fancy Warp Print Ribbon—6 inches—at 45c from 80c, at 60c from 85c.

Polka Dot Ribbon—4½ inches—25c a yard from 45c.

Plaid Ribbons—4 inches—29c a yard from 40c.

Every present you give should be tied with ribbon, and this is your opportunity.

Women's and Children's Underwear.

That is the Winter kind which means the ribbed kind and the knitted kind. Now, this ribbing and knitting belong to many materials, and here is your choice.

Women's Vests—

Of ribbed cotton, 25c up to $2.10.
Of ribbed merino, 75c up to $2.50.
Of ribbed wool, $1.35 up to $2.25.
Of silk-and-wool, $1.50 up to $3.25.
Of silk-and-cotton, $1.00 up to $2.50.
There are plain merino vests for 50c and up to $2.50.
There are natural wool vests at 75c and up to $3.50 each.

All the foregoing have drawers to match.

Italian Silk Vests are quite the thing for family gifts, and we are presenting a handsome line in white, pink, blue and fancy trimmed silk. Also fancy trimmed lisle and cotton vests.

Women's Corset Covers—

Of cotton at 50c, 85c and $1.00.
Of all-silk at $2.25 and up to $3.25.

Hand-knit Spencers come under this head, and we have them of Shetland wool at $2.75.

Women's Union Suits—

Of cotton at $1.00 and up to $3.50.
Of Merino at $1.50 and up to $5.00.
Of all wool at $2.00 and up to $5.00.
Of silk-and-cotton, $2.00 and up to $6.25.
Of all silk, $6.00 and up to $11.50.
Women's black tights, $1.00 and up to $6.25.

Children's Undervear—

Cotton vests, 25c to $1.25.
Merino vests, 50c and up to $2.25.
Natural wool vests, 30c and up to $2.50.
Children's black wool pantalettes and tights, 65c and up to $1.50.
Children's union suits of cotton, 75c; of merino, $1.00 and $1.25; of all wool, $2.50 to $4.50.

25c for Choice; Both Cute and Useful Gifts.

As the Christmas season closes in, and as the crowds grow larger, we take up our usual custom of introducing special tables to make choosing that much easier. Today at Penn Avenue Entrance, West Store, a table containing the following will be observed, choice from which is 25c:

Tomato Pin Cushions.
Nickel silver-plated Soap Boxes.
Needle Cases.
Glove Mending Thread.
Tooth and Nail Brush Holders.
Ladies' Jewel Pockets.
Salve Boxes.
Hand Painted Novelties.
Smoking Sets.
Jars of Sachet Powder.
Boxes containing Sachet Powder, Extract and Cake of Soap.
Boxes containing Toilet Water, Perfume and Talc Powder.
Box containing Toilet Water, Extract and Cologne.
Baskets containing bottle of fine Handkerchief Perfume.
Violet and Fresh Rose Toilet Water.
Perfume—two bottles in box.
Perfume—one bottle in box.
2 oz. Imitation cut glass Perfume Bottle.

Sweeping Reductions on Millinery.

We have commenced to clean up our large stock of millinery and have put the prices down to where every woman can indulge in a fashionably trimmed hat, not only one, but two or three.

Trimmed Hats for 75c, $1.50, $2.50, $3.75 and $5.00. Heretofore just double those prices. These hats were made in America and many of them are clever copies of Paris creations.

Now, if you desire a real Paris Hat or Toque or Bonnet, we'll sell you the best Paris models at $14.00, $17.50, $22.50, $27.50, just half the prices we charged at the beginning of the season.

We have quite a number of Velvet Hats, now so fashionable, also Felt Hats just a bit mussed, and you can have those for 50c. They are untrimmed—an opportunity to exercise your ingenuity.

Untrimmed Felt Hats, black and colors, at 50c and up to $2.50.

Artificial Flowers for trimming new hats or retrimming your old ones, 25c instead of $1.00, and the bunch is a great big one.

Skirt Patterns, $2.00 Each.

Prettily tied with ribbon and containing from 5 to 4½ yards of fine all-wool serge that ordinarily sells for 60c to 75c a yard.

As every woman needs an extra skirt or two, and as there is ample material in each pattern for a large skirt, you can't go wrong in making a present of this kind. Only 400 of these skirt patterns.

$2.00 Melton Cloths for $1.25 a yard. This is a 36 in. cloth, handsomely finished. The color range is castor, brown, gray, oxford. Used quite as often for the making of men's jackets as for women's wraps. As the cloth is 56 inches wide, 1¾ yards will make a nice square carriage robe that could not be duplicated for less than $6.00.

Mme. Humbert's Tears—a Chic Garniture.

A queer name for dress garniture, but as our Paris office has just sent us this latest Paris creation the simile will be understood.

Black and silver on Brussels net, the trimming in gaudet form, and it can be arranged in any style desired. The application of the name arises from the tear-shape of the spangles.

It is the newest thing out for waists and dress trimming.

$3.50 and $4.50 a yard.

Artificial Plants at Less Than Half Prices.

25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00.

Our Millinery Department uses a great many decorative plants throughout the season. They are the cleverest of artificial work. Having served their purpose, we now offer them, as is our usual custom, for half regular price.

There are no palms, but with that exception all other varieties and colors.

Just the thing for a Christmas decoration in homes, churches and halls.

Get Your Candy Boxes at the Candy Counter.

All sorts of forms, book form, dress case and telescope form, trunk, kodak, football, hat box and many other forms, 15c each and up to $1.00.

The candy to fill them, purest made, 10c a pound and up to 75c.

Our Special Christmas Fur Sale now going on. We have picked out a number of very choice and elegant fur garments. Moleskin, Breitschwantz, Seal and Persian and have marked the price extremely low. Any of these would make handsome Christmas gifts.

We are also offering very fine furs in sets and separate pieces in Russian and Hudson Bay Sable, Chinchilla, Ermine, Fox, Lynx, Squirrel and all other popular furs.

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Wednesday, December 16, 1903.

Despite the outbreak at Butler the ravages of typhoid fever in Pittsburgh are attracting special attention, as the weekly death rate has become strikingly large. One hundred and sixteen new cases were reported for the week ending December 12, and 15 deaths. For the 15 days of this month 238 cases have been reported. The actual number of cases is known to be in excess of those reported, which are generally only those of a serious character, which are likely to have a fatal termination. The holdup of the work of water purification has been a terrible piece of extravagance, both of life and money, although perpetrated in the name of economy.

Despite heroic efforts to prevent foreclosure by reorganization, the Consolidated Lake Superior Company was sold under the hammer yesterday on a bid of $4,500,000. This bid was made by Speyer & Co., the mortgagees, whose claim amounted to $5,050,000. They refused to listen to pleas for further postponement, though the reorganization fund was nearly subscribed. It is a startling exhibit, this sale of a $110,000,000 corporation for a paltry $4,500,000, on one bid. Yet there are financiers who charge the existing depression and the enormous liquidation of the year to President Roosevelt's opposition to unlimited consolidation and his demand for publicity of corporate affairs, instead of laying it to the blowing of bubbles.

With expenses of relief work at Butler running up to $1,000 a day, it is clear that liberal donations from the public will be necessary to sustain the community under its terrible visitation. The deaths from typhoid fever now number 58, many cases are under care and new cases are still occurring at the rate of six or eight daily. The best method of combatting the disease after it has established itself is by careful nursing, so that a large staff of nurses and good hospital accommodations must be kept up, and this entails heavy expense. The relief work is carried on at very little cost of administration, but the need for funds is very urgent. According to Miss Barton's estimate $50,000 will be required in addition to the amount already raised. The case makes an appeal to the generosity of Pittsburgh which should meet with prompt response.

Senator Gorman has finally got the Democrats in the senate in agreement and they are taking the unwise course of opposing ratification of the Panama treaty. It is well known the isthmian canal project is popular in the south, but the southern senators hope to evade the wrath of their constituents by pretending they favor the canal, but not enough to condone "stealing it from a sister republic," as one of them puts it. That is a very thin pretense. In the first place, there has been no attempt at stealing, though Colombia attempted blackmail. In the second place, the only practical way to get the canal concession with a good title is to ratify the pending treaty with Panama. If the Democratic senators make a partisan issue on that they will show they have gained nothing in wisdom by the popular revolts against free trade and free silver.

The case of the Northern Securities Company is now before the United States supreme court on appeal and Attorney General Knox himself is arguing it in behalf of the government. The case will be a celebrated one, as it involves the determination of general principles that will shape our jurisprudence. Mr. Knox is conducting the case in such a way as to elicit an authoritative exposition of the fundamental relations between public authority and corporation management. So far-reaching is the importance of the case that President Roosevelt's detractors have attributed the depression of corporate securities to the shock given by the action brought by the government against the Northern Securities Company. That sort of talk has died away in the presence of revelations showing good reason for public distrust of corporation management and also for the intervention of the government to ensure proper regulation and control. Problems of this character are involved in the pending case which can hardly fail to secure a definition of the scope of public authority and private right in this field. The part which Attorney General Knox has taken in the formulation and conduct of the case assures him a prominent place in our history.

Senator Perkins of California in his speech on the Cuban reciprocity bill made some very sensible and effective replies to the absurd statements which have been made regarding the 20 per cent reduction of duty made upon Cuban products. He pointed out that if we took the entire Cuban crop it would supply only one-third of the amount needed. It is, therefore, absurd to argue, as has been done, that the Cuban production will strike a fatal blow to Louisiana cane sugar and to the western beet sugar industry. What is much more likely to happen is that eventually beet sugar will crowd cane sugar, both of Louisiana and Cuban production, out of the market. As a rule products of temperate climes are more economically produced when labor is an essential factor, than tropical products. Tropical products that grow wild, so that the crop represents merely the cost of gathering it, can hardly be competed with, but when culture is required, tropical conditions make the work specially difficult, and a temperate climate has a decided advantage if it can produce the same article on a large scale. Senator Perkins gave an instance of the working out of this principle in the cultivation of citrus fruits. He said that Cuba had abandoned this class of products because of the vast success of citrus culture in Florida and California. It will be the same way as between the western sugar beet and the Cuban sugar cane as sources of sugar supply.

Protectionist Victory.

In the first by-elections since the resignation of Chamberlain from the British cabinet, the Conservatives have won two districts by decisive majorities, the fiscal question being the uppermost issue in both divisions. More significance attaches because Mr. Chamberlain intervened in both campaigns in behalf of the Conservative candidates. Maj. Coates is the winner in Lewisham borough and Dr. F. Rutherford Harris in Camberwell. The Liberals injected the Chinese immigration into South Africa as a secondary issue and one on which they had the popular side, so it appears the tariff was impressively indorsed.

Great interest has been aroused throughout England in these two elections, because they were the first to follow Chamberlain's sensational departure from the cabinet to carry forward his protection propaganda, with colonial reciprocity as a star feature. Both districts are of a character to be influenced by the food tax cry of the Liberals, but the vote indicates that it has not caught the popular ear. At any rate Conservatives have been returned to parliament on the fiscal issue by majorities that compare well with those of their predecessors.

Six months ago it looked as though the Conservative government was riding to an inevitable fall. The German alliance, the educational bill and other measures on that side were extremely unpopular. Then came dissensions in the ministry, culminating in the resignations of Chamberlain on one side and two members on the other. These were followed later by the retirement of the duke of Devonshire, who refused to countenance Prime Minister Balfour's protectionist tendency. No surprise would have been felt had the country gone to the Liberals. Since then Mr. Chamberlain has been busy teaching protection. His arguments have been awkward at times and some of his statements have shown lack of information. These first by-elections indicate that the soil was fallow for the seeds of protectionist doctrine, for the Conservatives have won on Joseph Chamberlain's issue.

Some Possible Complications.

Communications have been received by the state department from the governments of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Holland asking that those countries be placed upon the same footing regarding the export duty on hemp from the Philippines as the United States. These communications have been referred to congress without recommendation and no information has been given to the public as regards the policy of the administration. But the subject is an important one, and eventually our national policy in regard to it will have to be delineated.

The Philippine government levies an export duty upon hemp, but rebates the amount upon exports to the United States. This gives American manufacturers the raw material of hemp cordage cheaper than other countries, as our tariff admits Manila hemp free of duty. Before this legislation was enacted London practically controlled the hemp trade of the world, but that control has now been transferred to the United States. This is not only a desirable gain for American interests, but it is also a set-off against the policy of the Straits Settlements—a British colony—in upsetting plans of tin smelting in this country by a heavy export duty upon tin ore. It would, therefore, appear that the British government has nothing to complain of, as she is simply getting back as good as she sent.

There are, however, some considerations which are of increasing importance that indicate that complaints of this character will have to receive respectful consideration. Our historic policy has been to fix the tariff to suit ourselves, and if foreign nations did not like it they could lump it. This is a position we could afford to maintain when internal development was our only concern, but with the acquisition of over-sea territory and the expansion of our commerce new complications arise. Our demand for the maintenance of the open door in Manchuria is based upon the fact that we have important commercial interests which have grown up in that country and which are entitled to respect in any change of sovereignty. Our case is based upon equity and it is a well-known principle of equity that those who seek equity must render equity. Now if the principle of the open door is good against Russia in Manchuria, why is it not good against us in the Philippines? Foreign governments may, like ourselves, set up the claim that established commercial interests are entitled to respect, although the country has experienced a change of sovereignty.

To ignore considerations of this nature will certainly provoke commercial reprisals, and while efforts of this nature have been harmless in the past, it is not certain that they will be in the future. The openly proclaimed purpose of the change of policy advocated in Great Britain is to provide a means of retaliating upon governments whose fiscal policy injures British interests. A long list of such cases is cited, the case of the Welsh tin plate trade prominently among them, and a catch phrase of the campaign is whether if again British industry is dealt such a blow, "Will you take it lying down?" Now it certainly will make a difference if Great Britain takes it standing up and hitting back, and it looks as if that is what is coming.

With such a situation as appears to be approaching, it is a question which deserves serious consideration whether the reciprocity policy does not afford an advantageous method of dealing with such problems. The discrimination now practiced by the Philippine government in favor of this country would not appear so invidious if it were in pursuance of a reciprocity agreement, and reciprocity arrangements with other countries could be made of special advantage to American commercial interests. There is, however, an active agitation being carried on in the Republican party to denounce reciprocity as inconsistent with the protective policy. It did not appear so to Blaine or McKinley, who believed themselves to be sound protectionists, and who carried party sentiment with them in making the reciprocity policy the coping of the structure. It is now being cartooned as a breach in the structure which would eventually rend the protective tariff system. But this is not at all a logical sequence. The tariff can be made thoroughly protective and then an extra duty can be put upon that for purposes of reciprocity negotiation, so there would be in effect a maximum and a minimum schedule, the maximum for countries which would not make favorable commercial agreements with us and the minimum for those who did, but the minimum could be sufficiently protective. It is pretty well settled that the Dingley tariff was constructed upon these very principles, but the reciprocity schedule has so far been ineffective, and there appears to be an intention in some quarters to expunge it altogether. This is not judicious. Even if we do not need to use it now, it is a valuable resource and should be preserved. At present stand pat is the best policy; but while we stand pat we should keep our eyes open for new developments and be prepared to meet them.

Of course, if select council should meet oftener, its meetings would be much more common than they are, and select councilmen are anxious to have it understood that they are members of no common council. This ought to be borne in mind.

Statesmen at Washington who imagine that the Panama situation is the whole thing ought to be told that a present problem in its relation to the pocketbook is uppermost in the minds of the American people.

This sort of weather makes the ordinary man wonder why anyone should want to start out to find the north pole, when he can stay at home and wait for it to come to him.

There is another revolution in San Domingo. There are so many political revolutions in that country that the wheels of industry don't get half a chance to revolve.

Now, if it had been the Democratic national committee everyone would have known just what to infer from complaints of a lack of hotels.

Each of a number of Democratic statesmen hopes to find a well-developed presidential possibility in his Christmas hosiery.

It may be a satisfaction to know that there is really a quorum of select council if it can be induced to get together.

The mercury in the thermometer is now low enough for a healthy reaction, if the Wall street ride can be applied.

It is the attempted merger of the full kerosene can with the hot stove that causes the trouble.

Doubtless the man who talks about an old-fashioned winter knows when he has enough.

Agency reports ought to take notice of the stagnation in the business of select council.

Everyone will be glad to learn that the kaiser's voice is almost as good as new.

It doesn't help the temperature to hang the thermometer over the hot air pipe.

Who is tampering with the testimony in the Wood inquiry at Washington?

Senatorial promises with regard to Cuba are about to mature.

It ought to be a good season for frozen facts.

American Citizenship.

The duty of the United States to protect all its citizens, native or naturalized, is imperative. But American citizenship should not be conferred indiscriminately, nor be used for selfish purposes, as is charged in the case of Armenians. The rights and privileges of citizenship should not be cheapened in the eyes of the world by granting them as a selfish protection to people who seek them as a mere business proposition.—Toledo Blade.

IT IS TO SMILE.

"Were you ill enough to have a consultation of doctors?"

"A good deal worse than that, old man. I had a consultation of my creditors."—Life.

Tommy—Pop, what is obscurity?

Tommy's Pop—Obscurity, my son, is best exemplified by the husband of a successful woman.—Philadelphia Record.

"I was married to that man once," said the first Chicago woman.

"To Mr. Marryat? The idea! Why, so was I," replied the other.

"You don't say? Were you before or after me?"—Catholic Standard.

"I would like to give myself to you as a Christmas present," said young Poore to Miss Rockes.

"Papa does not allow me to receive expensive presents from young men," replied the maiden.—Town Topics.

"Hello!" said Borroughs, meeting Markley on the street one cold morning, "this is good bracing weather, isn't it?"

"No," replied Markley, "I'm too cold to unbutton my overcoat and get out my pocketbook, if that's what you mean."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Jimmie—Ain't it funny dat w'en yer don't want a thing dat yer uncler want yer kin have it all fer yerself?

Danny—What are yer thinkin' erbout now?

Jimmie—I passed de baseball park tarday an' dere was dat hole in de fence w'at we all used ter fight over last summer.—Philadelphia Press.

The Quiet Observer.

ERASMUS WILSON.

"Why is smallpox more prevalent in cold weather than in warm weather?" asks an Allegheny.

This question has been something of a poser for lo! these many, many years. The learned one may know, but the common people have to be satisfied with the answer that it is a cold weather disease.

This is not, strictly speaking, an evasive answer, but simply an answer that does not answer. Nor is it half satisfactory.

And then in what does a cold weather disease differ from one that only develops and flourishes in warm weather, or dry or wet weather? Maybe, if we knew how or why weather or atmospheric conditions affect health we might understand why smallpox flourished best when the temperature is low.

And yet, in the vicinity of Pittsburgh this disease seems to flourish through all seasons, and refuses to be stamped out. Whether this is due to inefficient or insufficient stamping, or to the tenacity of the specific germ or to some peculiar atmospheric or meteorological conditions, no one seems to know.

Yet one may think, you know.

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Possibly, if we knew why typhoid fever is usually worse after a spell of weather that gives people colds, we might use that as a clue to the secret of smallpox following a spell of weather that sets people to coughing, and to complaining of sore throat, hoarseness and bad colds.

Both smallpox and typhoid fever begin as common colds, or cold fever, and there seems to be no way of determining at the start which one of these colds is going to prove. If we succeed in breaking the cold as we say, then we are told that it was only a simple fever. But if we fail to break it, and it takes the typhoid, or any other form, then we are told that is what it was from the start.

Were it lawful or even permissible for outsiders to inquire into these things, no doubt we would have many explanations, some of which would not explain any more satisfactorily than some of those now in vogue.

And yet, if some one unscientified—that is, some one not set apart—should succeed in breaking fevers before they became typhoid, and thus prevent its development, how would he prove it? He could not show up any typhoid germs, for there wouldn't be any and then he would get the laugh all around.

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However, you may have noticed that the typhoid gauge usually begins to rise after a change in the weather which affects those who are subject to acute attacks of catarrh, or who are chronically affected by it. Or, you may not have noticed it; nor yet have noticed that it always begins as a cold, more or less, violent.

Others have noticed this, and you may have opportunities for taking a few notes yourself, now that your attention has been called to it.

And you might be interested, if not edified, by reading in some up-to-date "doctor book" on the practice of medicine, that for the space of seven to nine days the symptoms of the patient indicate that the lesions, or affected parts, are confined to the head and throat, and show prominently in the air passages.

But they will tell you that as long as it remains there it is not typhoid. Of course not, nor does it be typhoid—form of typhoid—until the fever has descended down into the intestinal tract and set up a typhilitis or inflammatory condition similar to that in the mucus membranes of the respiratory and digestive tracts. Then it has become typhoid, or so it seems to the unscientified.

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One not educated in a medical school would naturally undertake to correct the trouble by treating the lesions, or affected parts, the same as you would treat a clock or any piece of machinery that goes wrong.

This recalls the case of a young man who had knocked off work because of severe headache, stuffy condition of the head, dry throat, pain in the back of the head, bones aching, generally, away up, and feeling awfully bad generally. The doctor was called and according to custom, took his temperature, which was found to be high. This he might have known from the engorged condition of the mucous and soft tissues of the throat and palate.

His temperature was taken twice during the next day, and at night he was told that he had typhoid fever, probably, and would have to go to the hospital. Later he was informed that the necessary arrangements had been made and he would be taken away in the morning.

That evening a friend called and with a view to relieving his sufferings treated his throat and nose as for a bad cold. Later that night he treated him again and left him some stuff to wash with in the morning. The patient went to bed, and to sleep.

When the doctor came the next morning to pack him off to the hospital he found that he had gone to his work, and he kept on going to it as usual.

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The doctor was doing the best he knew, therefore was not to blame, under the law. He had the books for it, and could sustain himself in any court.

The other fellow, however, had neither the law nor the books to back him; besides if the patient had been so minded he could have had him seized up and sent to the workhouse or penitentiary for practicing medicine, or rather for curing, without a diploma, state license, and county certificate.

Besides, the doctor said the fellow hadn't typhoid fever—not the real typhoid—for it has a regular course which no one can check. Nor did the law, nor professional ethics, require him to tell why he didn't know it wasn't typhoid fever. He thought it was—in fact, was quite certain about it until after the other fellow had shown that it wasn't. True, this was an unlawful thing for the fellow to do, and a most unethical thing for the patient and his friends to allow.

However, it might not have worked in another case, although it did in a good many—rarely failing to be taken in time; that is before it became typhoid, or mild typhus fever, which usually occurs in about a week, more or less, after the simple fever, or cold, has set in. Even then it mitigates the disagreeable symptoms and prevents the deplorable sequela that occurs in many instances.

This, however, is the way it strikes a mechanical engineer, or outsider.

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The fact that smallpox begins much the same way would naturally lead a mechanical engineer or physician or even a plain, scientist to treat it much the same. This would not be in accord with the books, nor would it be lawful for the machinist, human or mechanical, to do it.

Anyway, the physician has a right to think even if he thinks that typhoid and smallpox supervene after a common fever has rendered the condition of the membranes of the mouth and air passages favorable for the development of these forms of disease.

He may, also think that the fact that out of a dozen individuals who eat of the same food, drink of the same water, breathe of the same air, and live practically the same—even be of the same blood—one has typhoid fever, or scarlet fever, while others are only threatened with it, and some may escape entirely, that it is not simply the presence of the germ in the water, air or food, but the condition of the individuals that determine the attack.

While the smallpox is more infectious, being more virulent in character, the outsider may think that it differs from other fevers only in form, and might be treated much the same.

He might also think that were he going to look for the cause of typhoid fever, or any other fever, he would not look for a specific germ, but for conditions of air, food or water that would so affect the membranes of the respiratory and nutritive tracts as to fit them for nourishing, developing and propagating the germs, so to speak, which gives type and character to the disease.

Or, is the disease that determines the type and character its peculiar germs, or bacilli?

Nor would he be surprised to find typhoid and kindred fevers, and smallpox and diphtheria, and grip, all right here in Pittsburgh at all seasons of the year, since both acute and chronic catarrh of the mucus membranes are present with us the year round.

There are many things the human mechanical engineer may think about, but not speak out loud.

Process of Elimination.

By the process of elimination the Democrats are approaching something like a united sentiment on the Democratic presidential nominee. Cleveland, by his letter, took himself out of running, if he may be considered ever to have been in. Olney is too old. Gorman has his reconstruction and tariff records to face. The Parker boom constantly looms up, and at this writing it looks as if the man from New York was the most available for the candidacy. Next year, however, may bring its changes. A dark horse may appear. Knoxville Sentinel.

Talked of in New York

GEORGE C. JENKS.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Pittsburghers are believed by the average New Yorker to be more provincial than the residents of any other city when they come to the metropolis. It is not remarkable that men who are accustomed to seeing each other daily in their home town should flock together when they find themselves 500 miles away. This is conceded. The wonder of it all is that they have only three or four hotels in the uptown district which they favor with their patronage to any great extent. You will find Pittsburghers here and there at all the better hotels, but there is a group of houses numbering less than half a dozen, uptown, into which Pittsburghers turn as naturally as they do into their own houses in Allegheny county. In one hotel today the registry shows there are nearly a score of Pittsburghers—men whose names stand for something important in industry, commerce and the professions. They are not in one line of occupation, by any means.

In the hotel here referred to there are two hotel keepers, three steel manufacturers, four or five lawyers, and a sprinkling of personages with so many and such varied interests that they can be described only as "capitalists." You may see them chatting in the lobby, or nodding to each other as they pass, all drawn together by the fact that they call Pittsburgh their home. Bound together by this local sentiment they feel less that they are strangers in a strange land than could possibly be the case were there no familiar faces around them. It is one of the peculiarities of the situation that none who hardly recognize each other in Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, find many things in common when they are in the wilderness of Broadway. Probably it is because Pittsburghers are all so proud of their city. That is the solution of it given by New Yorkers, at all events.

Police Have Only Clues.

New York knows how Chicago felt when dynamiters were blowing up buildings and killing policemen some years ago. The hunt for the fellows who put dynamite sticks under the main supports of two large new buildings in Manhattan, the other day, is going on vigorously. Every detective and uniformed policeman, with an army of private detectives are running down clues. So far, clues are all they have found. The conspirators are clever at hiding their tracks.

Girls for Theater Ushers.

According to a report, which seems to be authoritative, one of the theaters will employ young women as ushers at the matinee tomorrow. This is not a new idea. From time to time, when some of the young men who slide up and down the aisles with startling velocity to slam down seats and viciously force coupons down your throat, become particularly offensive, managers talk about "girl ushers." The possibility of young women doing this work as well as the bobbleheadboys who are usually employed in New York has been discussed over and over again. There is always the apprehension that the innovation might not work, however, and nothing has been done. Now it is said there actually will be young women—neatly gowned, with ribbons fastened to their shoulders to distinguish them from patrons—to direct people to their seats at the matinee. The result of the experiment will be watched curiously—not only in New York, but in every other city where there is a theater.

Chance for Barbers to Talk.

When the barbers of this great city line themselves up before the state board of barber examiners tomorrow to tell their troubles, there will be an opportunity for the traditional volubility of that class to expand itself. There will be the first session of the examiners for the purpose of hearing grievances. The law compelling barbers to register has not long been in force. Whether it will work satisfactorily to the barbers themselves may be known when the examiners begin to hear their tale tomorrow. Anything that tends to extra sanitary care in barber shops must be a good thing for the public, and that improvement can hardly fail to be made when the operatives are closely under state supervision. In one way and another, barbers are an important element in city life in America. In New York they are about as consequential in their way as policemen.

Engine Did an Acrobatic Feat.

That mighty respectable old "yard pusher," No. 242, turned a somersault in the New York Central yards yesterday. She was in charge of a fireman named Dougherty and a hostler. The two men were about to clean out her firebox, and the hostler was hanging onto her by his eyelashes in the way that locomotive cleaners are so fond of doing, while Dougherty manipulated the throttle. Dougherty got hold of the wrong lever, or pushed the right one the wrong way. Anyhow he ran the engine into the pit of a turntable, and No. 242 had turned turtle before the hostler knew what had flung him 20 feet across the tracks. Dougherty went into the pit with the engine.

There was a tearing, grinding, smashing noise like the collision of a freight train, and the yardmen could not tell which was No. 242 and which was Dougherty. That bold fireman was pulled out uninjured, however, and then the hostler wanted to lick him. It all ended in no damage done to anybody or anything, but the engine. No. 242 was got back to the tracks in about two hours, and then, as one of the oldest engineers remarked, with peculiar profanity, she would be as good as new. But she stopped about 1 other engines that were trying to get out of the roundhouse and started a chorus of language that would be heard as far downtown as Delmonico's.

Subways Becoming Popular.

Already New Yorkers living in the West Side are apprehensive of a congestion of traffic in the neighborhood of the Pennsylvania railroad terminal. They foresee that business will center about Thirty-first to Thirty-third streets, between Seventh and Ninth avenues, in a way that will be absolutely impossible. It is possible to have too much business, as well as too little. What the West Siders want, as revealed at a meeting held this evening at the Hotel Marlborough, is a rapid transit tunnel running from the Pennsylvania railroad's new terminal downtown to the business district below Chambers street. Four hundred names have been signed to a petition which will be presented to the rapid transit commission. Now that it has been demonstrated that the process of tunneling Manhattan is not such a difficult job, after all business men talk about new subways as carelessly and confidently as they used to discuss the paving of their particular streets.

Daggers a Long Time Drawn.

Lindenthal, the bridge commissioner, and Buck, who designed the new Williamsburg bridge, have had daggers drawn for years. Lindenthal dropped Buck from his post of chief bridge engineer and made him consulting engineer of the Williamsburg bridge at a reduced salary. Now that that bridge is finished there is no more need for a consulting engineer, and Lindenthal intends to make Buck walk the plank. It is understood that as soon as the new administration comes in one of the first official acts of the mayor will be to reinstate Buck as chief engineer. Lindenthal will be out then.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

Waldorf-Astoria.
W. H. Whiteside, G. E. Painter, H. B. Lapsley, W. Orr, C. D. Marshall.

Holland.
W. D. Henry, Mrs. Henry, H. W. Fairbanks, Mrs. Peter Shield, Mrs. D. C. Clark, J. P. Townsend, Thomas J. Wade.

Herald Square.
Albert Graham, C. C. Ahrich, L. Kaufman, G. A. Hays.

St. Denis.
J. E. Dowell.

Bartholdi.
W. J. McKeever.

Manhattan.
C. E. Pendelevaris.

Savoy.
C. A. Alton.

Hoffman.
Seward Babbitt, Grand Tilton, G. L. Jacobs, F. E. Quest.

Imperial.
John Nowell, Robert J. Sample, Mrs. Sample, R. W. Hagan, J. F. Filsgiff, C. C. Walsh, C. S. Mellor, W. H. Bubbidge, J. H. Phillips.

Vendome.
A. Rothstein, Mrs. Rothstein.

Commonwealth.
Miss J. Gowden.

Victoria.
William McKelvey, L. A. Frank, W. A. Stuart.

Marlborough.
D. A. Jackson, P. A. Gehr.

Astor.
T. M. Bean, C. C. Smith, W. S. Mellon, J. Morrison.

Stoddart.
C. H. Chase.

Navarre.
C. J. Lant, W. H. Hamilton.

Ashland.
W. H. Hamilton.

The Nation's Capital.

L. W. STRAYER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Democratic politicians have been unable up to this time to agree upon any caucus rules, and Senator Gorman of Maryland, who became the leader of the minority as soon as he perceived the senate last March, has been working with a view to getting unity of action upon the part of the Democrats. He seems to have been successful, for in a caucus today the members of the minority in the senate agreed to a resolution presented by Senator Blackburn, which provides that hereafter when a caucus of Democrats shall determine by a two-thirds vote upon a line of party action, it shall be adhered to by all the Democrats. Heretofore the minority members have been pulling against each other, some being in favor of one policy, and some for another, so that the position of leader among them has been no sinecure.

But with an agreement to go into caucus and abide by the decision of a two-thirds majority Mr. Gorman seems to have at last reached a plan by which he will be followed when he leads. Just what bearing this caucus arrangement will have upon national and party questions remains to be seen. It is hardly that the first thing the Democrats will attempt to secure party action upon will be the Isthmian canal treaty. If it is possible for the Democrats to line up together to oppose to the treaty, they can easily prevent the two-thirds vote necessary to its ratification, but a poll of the Democrats in the senate has developed that more than one-third of them are in favor of the treaty and unless some of them can be won over by the pressure from liberties, it will be impossible to secure the necessary two-thirds vote in the party caucus that would bind them to vote together on the treaty.

Treaty Is No Danger.

Consequently, from present indications, there will be plenty of votes to ratify the treaty. With all of the 37 Republicans present, it would require the votes of but three Democrats to make the two-thirds majority necessary for a ratification of the canal treaty. The Republican leaders believe that there will not be the slightest difficulty in getting the three Democrats in line, and it is even hinted that at least six of the minority have already given a definite pledge to vote for the treaty. When this question is taken up with the present caucus, and the true state of affairs is learned, it is probable that Senator Gorman will not consider it advisable to make an attempt to line up his party against the treaty, as he would naturally wish to have his battle line in the first fight solid and unbroken.

One of the kickers who objected strenuously against the binding rule of the caucus is Senator Cockrell of Missouri. He protested that it was not necessary to tie up the minority in this manner, and he said that within 50 years no occasion had arisen where there was a necessity for such action. But he was overruled, and whether he will consider himself bound by the action of today's caucus the future will determine.

Shaw Equal to Conditions.

The annual report of Secretary Shaw, of the treasury department, since it shows that there will likely be a deficit of $22,000,000 next year, has caused the discussion as to whether or not it will be necessary for the government to withdraw from the national banks of the country a part of the public money it has deposited in them. It is possible that such action will be necessary. But if it is, it is safe to say that Secretary Shaw will be able to accomplish it without creating any serious disturbance in the financial or business world. The government within the next six months will most likely have to pay out $50,000,000 in gold cash on account of the Panama canal. However, the effect of this payment had been discounted, since the secretary of the treasury has stated that he can do it without causing any financial flurry, and while this amount can be paid out of the money in the treasury, it is probable that its withdrawal will so diminish the balance as to make it necessary to draw on the public money in the banks in order to keep the treasury balance up to a point adequate to meet current needs. Not the slightest alarm is felt by administration circles over the prospect, and there is the greatest confidence that the situation will be met and solved without any trouble whatever. Some months ago, when there was need of money throughout the country, Secretary Shaw deposited a number of additional depositories in various parts of the country, and deposited with them several millions of dollars.

Root's Complaint Causes Smiles.

Secretary Root's letter to Senator Proctor of the committee on military affairs in which he states that "some person seems to be persistently furnishing to the press false statements of the testimony taken before you, the perversion of the evidence being in every case to the prejudice of General Wood" draws a sigh from the newspaper correspondents whose business it has been to report these secret sessions of the senate committee on military affairs. These reporters who are obliged to hustle around and see every witness after he comes out of the committee room, extracting from him what information they can, and holding up senators, here and there, for a few facts, can scarcely repress a smile at the suggestion that some one is persistently furnishing to the press false statements of the testimony.

As a matter of fact, they know that what information they get they have to dig for, and dig hard, and in many directions. They know from their own experience that nobody is furnishing statements of the testimony, either false or true. The fact is that the reports of the meetings of this committee, and the evidence given before it by the witnesses, both in favor of and against Gen. Wood, are gathered from many sources, and while some of these sources may not be reliable, yet the most of them are, and the statements sent out have been in the main correct. Some inaccuracies have doubtless occurred, and it is possible that some person has deliberately misrepresented the testimony of certain witnesses, but in the main the published statements concerning these hearings have been true, and have reflected credit upon the reporters who have been obliged to collect them under such disadvantages.

Advice Was Disregarded.

What inaccuracies have occurred can be charged up to the committee, which declined to confine the hearings open to the public, against the advice of many who insisted that the matter was of such public importance that the reporters should be allowed to be present and get the news first hand. Had this course been followed, there would have been little cause for complaint. As it is, the witnesses who testify against Gen. Wood have been, in the main, men who would have no hesitation in giving the substance of their testimony to the newspapers. A number of them make no secret of the fact that they hold grievances against the general and that they will be pleased if their efforts are successful in preventing his confirmation.

On the other hand, his friends are fast as eager to have the newspapers know what can be said in his favor, so that between the two, it is a question of interviewing the witnesses to get a very fair account of what occurred in the committee room. If there is any foundation for Secretary Root's suspicions, it is not shared to any extent by the newspaper men.

An Honorable Ambition.

In a letter to the Philadelphia Public Ledger, Governor Pennypacker practically announces his desire to be made the Republican candidate for supreme court justice to succeed the late Chief Justice McCollum. It is an honorable ambition on the part of the executive and one that will probably be gratified. It was to protect at the time the convention which nominated him for his present office was held that he preferred a seat on the supreme court bench and that in all probability he would be a candidate for the same before his term as governor should expire. Under the circumstances, therefore, it is eminently proper, in case his party should nominate him for the supreme bench and elect him to the same, for Governor Pennypacker to accept the position, the more so because it is one of the duties of which he is eminently fitted by training and experience to discharge in a manner alike creditable to himself and the judiciary of the state.—Scranton Republican.

Deaths from Intemperance.

During the 20 years from 1882 to 1901 (the latest year for which statistics are published) the deaths from intemperance in England and Wales have increased 60 per cent. Among males and the per cent reaches 70.—London News.

The Death Roll.

Mrs. Margaret Roberts.

Mrs. Margaret Roberts, wife of David D. Roberts, died yesterday at the family residence, No. 816 Second avenue, aged 67 years. The funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon at the Calvary Presbyterian church, Hammett street and McCandless street, of which congregation the deceased was for many years a devout member. Mrs. Roberts was born at Llandilo, North Wales, January 18, 1837. For the past 34 years she was a resident of Pittsburgh. She is survived by her husband, for many years a storekeeper in the Fourteenth ward, now retired from business, and two sons, Robert G., in the machine business at Milwaukee, and John D., the baritone of the Third Presbyterian church choir and to the readers of the Monongahela Connecting railroad. Mrs. Roberts is also survived by three brothers, E. G. Roberts of Carnarvonshire and John and Richard of Wales, and by a sister, Catherine, also of Wales.

Maj. W. H. Garland.

Major William H. Garland, aged 71 years, is dead at the National Soldiers' home, Johnson City, Tenn. He had shaken hands with every president of the United States, except Washington. He was on the staff of Andrew Jackson when he visited Lafayette on the second visit to America in 1824 and he at one time conversed with Napoleon on the island of St. Helena. Major Garland's wife and children were drowned in the Evansville, Ind., flood in 1865. He was for many years a Baptist minister.

Mrs. Anna E. Garroway.

Mrs. Anna E. Garroway, aged 58, wife of Robert W. Garroway, died yesterday at the Shenango Valley hospital, New Castle, after an operation. She is survived by her husband and her mother, Mrs. Sarah Moreland of Pittsburgh, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. W. H. Patterson, Pittsburgh; John, Mottland, Butler; Mrs. W. Gormley, Akron; William, Mottland, Slippery Rock, Pa., and Henry Moreland, Lincoln, Neb. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church.

Joshua Wright.

Joshua Wright, a prominent business man of Washington, Pa., died yesterday morning from pneumonia, aged 81 years. He was born in Peters township in 1822. His grandfather, Joshua Wright, was burned at the stake by Indians. In 1850 he came to Washington and engaged in the banking business. Six years ago he removed to Wilkinsburg, where he resided with his son, J. Wright, for four years, returning to Washington two years ago.

Edward J. Frost.

Edward J. Frost, an inventor of note, died at Detroit yesterday. The Frost and Frost-Lamp, used extensively for lighting railroad coaches, was his invention. He had been living in Philadelphia and Boston until three years ago when he came to Detroit to work on an automatic street lamp to burn gasoline. Mr. Frost was 65 years old.

Obituary Notes.

Edward T. Hodges, a broker, died yesterday at Boston.

Mrs. Louisa Altman, aged 58, widow of James Altman, died near Jeannette.

George C. Harvey, a miller, aged 68, dropped dead at Canton, O., last night.

Joseph Hope, aged 69 years, is dead in North Beaver township, near New Castle.

The Rev. Joshua Griffith, a former resident of Sharon, is dead at East Edwardsville, near Wilkesbarre.

Joshua Lowe, a wealthy business man of Steubenville, died suddenly last night. He was 56 years old.

Mrs. Rebecca Otto, wife of George Otto, and one of the oldest residents of Rochester, is dead, aged 87 years.

John C. Morrow, aged 78, of Scottdale, father of Col. J. Caldwell Morrow of Wilkinsburg, is dead at Dawson.

Myrtle E. Todd, a prominent society leader of McComb, O., is dead from consumption. She had been married only a year and leaves a husband and child.

Mrs. Mary A. Martin, aged 66, wife of Councilman Charles Martin, of New Castle, is dead. Her daughter, Mary, was to have been married Thursday to Howard Phillips.

Albert W. Finley of Uniontown, Pa., aged 60 years, died Monday evening in Grand Ridge, Fla., where he has gone for his health. He was a director in the People's bank of Uniontown.

Mrs. Hugh Wilberow of New Castle has received word of the burial of her son at Fort Du Chesne, Utah. He died December 2. He was a member of company C, of the Twelfth United States infantry.

A telegram from Washington college, Tenn., announces the death yesterday of the Rev. F. B. Rankin, D. D., general secretary of the John G. Harris educational fund, established for Christian education among negroes and white mountaineers.

PERSONAL

COLD WEATHER TO CONTINUE TODAY

The Local Forecaster Looks for Higher Temperature in This Section Tomorrow.

WARMING UP IN THE WEST

While the western section of the country is warming up, it is not expected that the change in local weather conditions will be felt before tomorrow. Continued fair and cold weather is predicted for this section today. Warmer weather is coming east slowly, but it will not reach here before tonight at the earliest. Yesterday was somewhat warmer than Monday, the maximum temperature being 18 and the minimum 11 degrees, the latter being two degrees higher than on the previous day.

After midnight Monday the weather became a little warmer, but at 4 a. m. the mercury again started down the tube. From this hour till noon the mercury fell gradually to 21 degrees. By 8 p. m. it had gone up to 41 degrees and then started backward again, being almost stationary at 32 at 8 o'clock last night.

The temperature was 21 degrees below the normal for yesterday. The wind continued very sharp and the cold was as bitter as on Monday, when the temperature went to 9 degrees. The coldest place in the United States last night was at Bismark, S. D., where 6 degrees above zero was reported. St. Paul, Minn., had 8 degrees. From many places in the northwest the temperature was reported as high as 50 last night.

Accidents resulting from the slippery condition of the sidewalks continue. Two were reported hurt yesterday.

Sarah Groetzinger of 2119 Fifth avenue fractured her right wrist at Fifth avenue and Stevenson street. Her injury was dressed at Mercy hospital and she was taken to her home.

Harry Hranitz, Bronder of Mt. Oliver was internally hurt by being thrown from his wagon, which slipped on the ice in Bowman street, on the Hilltop. His condition is reported serious.

David Lyle of Eighteenth avenue, Homestead is confined to his home with a broken leg, the result of falling on the ice in Amity street, Homestead.

While walking in Ann street, Homestead, John Ashbaugh of Derry, Pa., fell on the ice and received a severe gash in the head. He was removed to the home of his brother in Eleventh avenue.

Clyde Wilhelm, aged 12, while coasting in Ross township, ran into a bobsled and sustained a slight fracture to his skull. He will recover.

Peter Hofferth, a butcher of Port Marion, is at the McKeesport hospital suffering with a broken leg. He fell on the ice near Fifth avenue.

Mail on Greenfield avenue was yesterday taken to Mercy hospital. Both his feet were badly frozen while he was working at the Elize blast furnaces of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company in Second avenue.

Midnight	16	11 a. m.	11
1 a. m.	17	12 noon	12
2 a. m.	18	1 p. m.	12
3 a. m.	17	2 p. m.	14
4 a. m.	16	3 p. m.	14
5 a. m.	15	4 p. m.	14
6 a. m.	14	5 p. m.	13
7 a. m.	13	6 p. m.	13
8 a. m.	12	7 p. m.	13
9 a. m.	11	8 p. m.	13
10 a. m.	12		

DEATH WARRANT SIGNED.

John Conroy, Convicted of Wife Murder, Will Hang February 25.

Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker yesterday signed the warrant for the execution of John Conroy, the wife murderer, on February 25, in the Allegheny county jail yard. All possible efforts have been made to free Conroy or commute his sentence, but to no avail.

The murder was committed at 5228 Wickliff street, the family home, about 9 p. m., December 2, 1902. Conroy is said to have been reproached by his wife for spending his money for other women. A quarrel followed and it is alleged that Mrs. Conroy drew a revolver. Conroy took it from her and as the woman knelt in front of a little statue of the Virgin he shot her in the brain, and then, firing again, shot her in the cheek. A third bullet went through a picture of "The Last Supper."

Conroy was convicted and sentenced. An appeal was made to the supreme court, but that body and the governor have refused to interfere with the sentence.

CITY COMMITTEE TO MEET.

Allegheny Republicans Will Set a Date for Holding Primaries.

The city committee of the Republican organization of Allegheny will meet Friday night to set a time for holding primaries. The date will probably be early in March. Election of select and school directors will be elected in every ward in the city and in two wards there will be aldermanic contests.

The most important fight will be in the Fourth ward, where Walter Wadsworth is a candidate for re-election. His opponent, Charles Wilderhold, will have the support of the Wyman leaders in the ward. Wadsworth is a Republican. In the Thirteenth Peter Bolster is again a candidate and will have an opponent set up by the Wyman organization.

Pine Creek Line Started.

Ground was broken yesterday for the construction of the Pine Creek electric railway to run from Etna to Butler. The work has been started at the Shaler township line in Etna, and the company expects to have cars running by June 1. The work was begun in the cold because the franchise provides that work must be started on the line before January 1, 1904.

Missing Husband Is Wanted.

Mrs. Nellie Kelly of the rear of 5238 Holmes street has asked the police to assist her in searching for her husband, Thomas Kelly, aged 41 years, who left home November 24 and has not been seen or heard from since.

FOUND $50 PEARL IN SHELL OYSTER

SHARON, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—J. W. Green of North Irvin avenue, ordered a dozen oysters on the half shell at a Sharon restaurant yesterday and drew a pearl valued at $50 from one of the bivalves. He was about to pass it over to one of the waitresses when a man sitting next to him offered him $5 for it. He refused and took it to a local jeweler, who said it was worth $50.

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Farmers Bank Building.

STOLEN GOODS FOUND WHEN MAN WAS SEARCHED

William Bonzor of Allegheny Accused of Many Robberies, Is Arrested.

Special Officer Ben Ehrhardt of the Allegheny police, arrested William Bonzer in a house at 54 Second avenue, yesterday, and locked him up in Allegheny Central station. Bonzer is believed to have committed numerous robberies that have occurred on the North Side recently. When searched yesterday some articles stolen were identified by their owners. An overcoat he was wearing was identified by Mrs. Kate Franks of 29 Brighton place, as one taken from her home.

Bonzer's scheme, according to the police, was to rent a room in a respectable boarding house. After becoming acquainted with the place and its occupants he would disappear with anything of value that could be found. November 25 it is said he engaged a room from Mrs. W. J. Rush, 1517 Federal street. Several days later he left and a pair of trousers belonging to a son of Mrs. Rush disappeared, along with $85 in cash.

November 29 he engaged the room in Brighton place from Mrs. Kate Frank. She declared last night that the overcoat on Bonzer belonged to one of her boarders.

Yesterday morning W. J. Sparks of 501 Cedar avenue missed his trousers and $85 that had been in one of the pockets. Some coins and a knife were also gone. The trousers were found later in the day under the bed in the room engaged by Bonzer Monday night. The knife and coins were found in Bonzer's clothes when he was arrested and Sparks identified them last night. Some time ago Bonzer served a workhouse sentence for stealing a horse and buggy from Grant James of Taggart street.

REPUBLICANS NOT IN SCHOOL BOARD FIGHT

Eleventh Ward Organization Not a Party to the Ripping of Directors.

The Eleventh ward Republican organization wants it understood that it has no part in the fight now going on in the school board. While John H. Fox is a Republican, he did not have the support of the organization in the ripping out of office of the three school directors.

Dr. A. M. Stevenson, the president of the board, who with James T. Wallace and John Wilson was ripped out of office Monday night, announces that he intends to fight. He says that he will continue to exercise the powers of the president of the board and will call a special meeting to act upon the tax rate. If Fox, E. E. Ward and E. H. Gilmill see fit to attend the meeting they will be welcomed, but if they do not appear, Dr. Stevenson says that the board will proceed with its business.

Dr. Stevenson was closeted with Mayor W. B. Hays for a time yesterday afternoon. The mayor is taking a great interest in the central board of education fight. Stevenson says that if Fox tries to secure a seat in the central board on the credentials reported Monday night there will be a contest. This fight will of be taken up until February.

Fox says that Stevenson has no right to call a meeting of the board, as he is no longer a member. He insists that the rip of Monday night was in accordance with law. The deposed members say that they have not neglected to attend meetings and in no way have impaired their standing.

M'GEARY MUST SUE.

County Refuses to Pay Jury Fees for Brown Inquest.

The bill of $54 for the fees of the jury in the inquest into the death of the late city recorder, Joseph O. Brown, will not be paid by the county. Coroner Jesse M. McGeary yesterday received a notification to that effect, and he immediately placed the matter in the hands of Attorney J. Scott Ferguson, who will advise him whether or not to sue on the bill. Coroner McGeary objects to paying the jurors, who are said to total up $800 to $1,000, and if the coroner sues for the jury fees he may also seek to recover the larger amount.

The refusal of Controller Robert J. Cunningham to pay the bill is based on an opinion delivered by County Solicitor Thomas B. Alcorn, Jr., as the controller expects to be sued by the coroner and the opinion of Alcorn will constitute his defense, he declined to make the opinion public. It is said that Alcorn bases his ruling on the fact that the coroner had already passed on the death of his uncle and had ordered a burial certificate to be made out; that the inquest was requested by a private citizen, James B. F. Brown, and that the latter should foot the bill.

New Parsonage in Braddock.

The Board of trustees of the First Presbyterian church, Braddock, has decided to build a parsonage for its pastor, the Rev. William G. Reagle, adjoining the church. The new parsonage will be of brick and stone, three stories high, containing nine rooms and a reception hall and the contract price is $5,240. The building is to be completed by April next. The members of the building committee are R. Mile McAuley, chairman; Edward McCrady, William Conner, John J. Walker, George S. Spolder, John A. Glunt, J. A. Hartford, John L. Colmery, William Fauset and Steven A. Seright.

Brutal Officer Sent to Prison.

METZ, Dec. 15.—Lieut. Schilling, charged with maltreating subordinates, was sentenced today by the military court to 15 months' imprisonment. Schilling was charged with 618 cases of maltreatment.

PLEASED WITH WORK OF TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

Henry Phipps Investigates Needs of Institution He Is Founding in Philadelphia.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Henry Phipps, the iron magnate, who last January gave $1,000,000 as an endowment for an institute in this city, for the cure and prevention of tuberculosis, is here looking over the work which his generosity has established.

Monday afternoon and today were spent in company with Dr. Lawrence Flick, the manager of the institute, inspecting the temporary hospital at 238 Pine street, and in going over the records of the work done during the year. He also visited the Pepper laboratories at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Phipps declined to say anything about his future plans regarding the institute, but expressed himself as pleased with the good already accomplished. As the institute was formally incorporated some three months ago, it is believed his present visit is in connection with plans for the establishment of a permanent home for those who require hospital treatment.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

DEATHS.

FAUTH—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 3:30 a. m., HERMAN, son of Verlement and Teresa Fauth (nee Morganthaler), in his 28th year.

Funeral from his parents' residence, 208 Juniata street, West End, on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. High mass at St. Martin's church at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

FOIGHT—Of diphtheria, on Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 12:30 p. m., MARION HALL, daughter of Harry S. and Caroline H. Foight, aged 4 years 2 months.

Funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 2944 Wylie avenue, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services and interment private.

JENKINS—On Sunday, December 13, 1903, at 11:15 p. m., after a long illness, MARY ALICE, youngest daughter of Mary Elizabeth and Charles Jenkins, aged 16 years, 7 months and 19 days.

Funeral services at the family residence, corner Norman and Forest avenues, Ballevue, Pa., this evening at 8 o'clock. (Leave cars at Thomas avenue.) Interment on Wednesday at New Castle, Pa., from the First Methodist Episcopal church at 2:30 p. m. Friends of the family are most respectfully invited to attend.

[New Castle (Pa.) papers please copy.]

KENNEDY—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 9 a. m., at parents' residence, 1703 Fayette street, Allegheny, ARTHUR MYRON, infant son of William P. and Laura Blakesley Kennedy, aged 8 months.

Funeral services on Thursday, December 17, at 2 p. m. Interment private.

KERR—On Monday, December 14, 1903, at 4:45 p. m., JAMES KERR, in the 66th year of his age.

Funeral services will be held at his late home, 5840 Center avenue, East End, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

LIGHTHILL—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 7 a. m., at her home, 1217 Ridge avenue, Allegheny, CAROLINE FERGUSON LIGHTHILL, wife of Charles W. Lighthill, in her 69th year.

Funeral services at her late residence on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

M'DOWELL—On Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1903, MRS. M. F. M'DOWELL, daughter of James Wilson, Brighton, Pa., in her 63d year.

Funeral from the residence of her husband, Dalton, Ohio, Thursday, Dec. 17, at 1 p. m.

MONTGOMERY—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 2:15 a. m., ARCHIBALD MONTGOMERY, in his 83d year.

Services at residence, Clinton township, Butler county, on Thursday, December 17, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m. Interment at Sear Creek cemetery at 4:30 o'clock.

NETELER—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, MRS. ANNIE E. NETELER, in her 71st year.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the late residence of her cousin, Mrs. Carrie A. Hall, 5829 Holden st.

POWELL—On Monday, Dec. 14, 1903, at 8 a. m., ELIZABETH JANE, eldest daughter of James and Henrietta Powell, in her 30th year.

Funeral services at the residence of her parents, No. 8012 Frankstown avenue, Thirty-seventh ward, Pittsburgh, today at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Homewood cemetery.

PURVIANCE—On Sunday, December 13, 1903, at 11:10 p. m., CAMPBELL EDMUNDSON, son of Campbell D. Purviance, deceased, of Butler, Pa., and nephew of the late Hon. Samuel A. Purviance of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Funeral on Tuesday, December 15, Fifth avenue, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private later.

ROBERTS—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at No. 866 Second avenue, MRS. MARGARET ROBERTS, wife of David D. Roberts, in her 67th year.

Funeral services on Thursday afternoon, December 17, at Oakland Welsh Presbyterian church, Haunett and McDermitt place. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Interment private at a later hour.

TAYLOR—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at parents' residence, No. 11 Allegheny avenue, Allegheny, GEORGE WILLIAM, infant son of James Herbert and Polly Gertrude Taylor (nee Martin), aged 1 month and 2 days.

Funeral Thursday afternoon, December 17, at 2:30.

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"Do you ache all over?"
"Do you blow out scabs?"
"Is your nose stopped up, sore or tender?"
"Does your nose discharge or bleed?"
"Do crusts form in the nose?"
"Do you have a great deal?"
"Does your nose itch and burn?"
"Is there a pain in the head?"
"Is your sense of taste or smell leaving?"
"Is there a dropping in the throat?"
"Is your throat dry in the morning?"
"Do you wake with your mouth open?"

Catarrh of the Bronchial Tubes.

"Do you have a cough?"
"Are you short of breath?"
"Do you have pain in the side?"
"Do you take cold easily?"
"Is your appetite variable?"
"Have you dizziness in the side?"
"Have you low spirits at times?"
"Do you feel drowsy after a hearty meal?"
"Is your cough short and hacking?"
"Do you spit up little cheesy lumps?"
"Have you a distaste for fatty foods?"
"Is there a belching sensation?"
"Do you have a pain behind the breastbone?"
"Do you feel you are a sufferer?"
"Is there a burning pain in the throat?"
"Do you have to sit up at night to get breath?"

Catarrh of the Ears.

"Is your hearing failing?"
"Do your ears discharge?"
"Are your ears dry and scaly?"
"Do your ears itch and burn and throb?"
"Do you have pain in the ears?"
"Do you have dead noises?"
"Is your hearing bad on cloudy days?"
"Do you have catarrh occasionally?"
"Is there a roaring like waterfalls in head?"
"Do you hear better some days than others?"
"Do the noises in the ears keep you awake?"
"Do your ears crack or hurt when you blow your nose?"

Catarrh of the Stomach.

"Is there nausea or vomiting?"
"Are you bilious?"
"Do you belch up gas?"
"Are you light headed?"
"Is your tongue coated?"
"Do you have 'water brash'?"
"Is there pain or bloating after eating?"
"Are you nervous and weak?"
"Do you have sick headaches?"
"Do you have a dry throat for breakfast?"
"Do you have distress after eating?"
"Do you at times have diarrhoea?"
"Is there a rush of blood to the head?"
"Is there a gnawing in the stomach?"
"Are you dizzy when you get up suddenly?"
"Do you feel faint when stomach is empty?"
"Do you feel oppressed when stomach is full?"

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The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
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The assets of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, said to be worth $30,000,000, which were pledged with Speyer & Co., bankers, as collateral for a loan of $5,000,000, were sold at auction at noon today. The assets were bid in by Speyer & Co. for $1,500,000. As soon as the list of securities to be sold had been read, notices were served by various interested parties protesting against the sale.

Frances Davison, through her attorneys, served notice that she was owner of 100 shares of the common and 50 shares of the preferred stock of the company, and that the mortgage under which the sale was made was executed without right or authority; that the sale if made would be illegal and invalid in law and that she protested against the sale and would hold Speyer & Co. responsible for any loss that she might suffer.

The Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company of Pittsfield served notice that they are owners of the machinery in the electric lighting plant in the Michigan Lake Superior power house. John G. Caruth, the receiver for the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, was present at the sale and for him a notice was read of an action begun by him in the supreme court against Speyer & Co. to set aside the order of sale.

Foley Brothers, Porter & Whelan, through their counsel, Francis Rawle of Philadelphia, caused a notice to be read for them claiming a lien on all the property of the Algoma Central & Hudson River railroad for labor and material furnished. After the notices had been read the property was offered for sale. Speyer & Co. were the only bidders.

FRANK A. PARKER.

Constable Under Arrest.

Constable Harry Bizarth, who has been working for several North Side aldermen since his dismissal from the police force several months ago, was arrested yesterday and furnished $1,000 bail for a hearing today before Magistrate F. W. Harkins of Woods Run. Bizarth is charged by Michael Kopish of Lockey Avenue with aggravated assault and battery and pointing firearms. Kopish asserts that last Friday the defendant entered his house and without permission searched the entire place, finding no one holding the latter. When Kopish remonstrated, he declares, Bizarth struck him and threatened to shoot him.

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THE M'PHIE CASE IS DISPOSED OF

Two Presbytery Meetings Were Held in Allegheny Yesterday.

ATTENTION TO FOREIGNERS

Quarterly sessions of two presbyteries were held yesterday in Allegheny, Presbyterian and United Presbyterian, the first in the Arch Street First Presbyterian church and the second in the Second United Presbyterian church.

The Rev. C. F. Wishart was elected moderator of the United Presbyterian presbytery. The commission of the presbytery appointed to consider the resignation of the Rev. Dr. D. A. McPhie, pastor of the Avalon church, reported on its work, accepting the resignation.

Overtures concerning the membership covenant handed down by the general assembly were considered. One provides that on being accepted for membership, candidates must accept in a "teachable manner" the instructions of the church regarding the doctrines. This was adopted by a vote of 42 to 4. The other overture, which provides that candidates must agree to obey the doctrines and tenets of the church without question, was defeated by a vote of 41 nays to 2 ayes.

Ralph McGill and H. A. Heaslett preached trial sermons and Heaslett was licensed to preach. Dr. D. E. McGill was appointed moderator of the Avalon church session to moderate a call of the congregation for a successor to the Rev. Mr. McPhie. The next quarterly meeting of the presbytery will be held on the third Tuesday of March in the Sixth church, when commissioners to the next general assembly will be elected.

The Rev. William S. Plummer was moderator of the Presbyterian presbytery, the Rev. James L. Milligan stated clerk, and the Rev. Mr. Roberts, assistant clerk. The Rev. Dr. David S. Schaff, the new professor of church history in the Western Theological seminary, was received from the presbytery of Philadelphia. The Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Anderson made a report on temperance work and the Rev. William S. Miller spoke on the proposed evangelistic services to be held soon. It was announced that the Haysville congregation will build a new church near Osborne station.

The presbytery decided to engage in the work of aiding the general assembly to raise $12,000,000 to endow colleges. The committee on mission work reported that there are now 135,000 foreigners within the bounds of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny presbyteries and that the committee employs nine missionaries and two colporteurs to work among them. An appeal for money was made because their appalling "ignorance and illiteracy" makes them an "easy prey" to liquor agents.

John B. Kolao, a candidate for license to preach, was examined in church history and church government. Edwin Kellogg, a son of a professor in the Western Theological seminary who died in India, was taken under the care of the presbytery. He is a student at Princeton.

A memorial minute on the death of the Rev. John Davis was entered. New churches were reported as being organized at West View and Ambridge. The presbytery adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday of April in the First Presbyterian church.

FIGHT ON CATHOLICS.

French Propose to Abolish All Sectarian Institutions and Establish Public Schools.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Premier Combes today communicated to the council of ministers a bill forbidding all teaching by the religious orders, even those now actually authorized, which will be presented in the chamber of deputies today.

The bill provides for the dissolution, accompanied by the sequestration of property, of such congregations as exist solely for the purposes of teaching and for the partial sequestration of the property of those congregations which, in addition to teaching, also conduct hospitals for the indigent.

Five years are allowed for the complete carrying out of the proposed law, the adoption of which will entail the closing of 1,260 schools for boys, 2,195 schools buildings where girls are taught and all the schools conducted by the Christian brothers. The bill provides for the enlargement of the public schools conducted by the state.

Appeal From the Toy Mission.

The management of the toy mission wants its friends to know that it is in need of all the dolls it can get hold of, the demand this year being heavier than ever, while the supply shows a falling off. Chip baskets are also wanted; they are to be used to pack toys and Christmas dinners in for the tenth annual distribution. If those who cannot take their offerings to Grant street and Sixth avenue will 'phone 217-3 Grant, a messenger will be sent after the packages.

WHO IS THERE AMONG THE READERS OF THIS PAPER THAT WOULD NOT SPEND A TWO-CENT STAMP TO KNOW OF A

certain, speedy cure for catarrh and deafness? We take it that there are none—especially those who want to be cured. If you'll send a two-cent stamp to Pretzinger Bros., chemists, Dayton, O., they will forward you a free sample of Pretzinger's Catarrh Balm. Experience demonstrates that this is the only remedy that positively cures every form of catarrh and catarrhal deafness. The first application gives relief. It is curing hundreds—Read what grateful people say about this remedy.

"The use of the sample I got did away with most of the terrible roaring in my ears, and now, since beginning the use of the second jar of the balm, I can hear a watch tick, after being deaf for 30 years. Pretzinger's Catarrh Balm is the only remedy that ever helped me. May the good Lord bless the manufacturers of it for their noble work."

Frank H. Collins, No. 1 Fremont Row, Boston, Mass. Nov. 6, 1902.

van Houten's Cocoa

Preferred by Connoisseurs for its high quality and delicious natural flavor.

Best & Goes Farthest

Stay at home and freeze

Or go to California and pass the winter under conditions that leave nothing to be desired—which will you do? Go to California? Good! The way to go is via the Rock Island System—through El Paso and across New Mexico and Arizona; or, if you prefer, through the gorgeous mountain scenery of Colorado and Utah. Service via both lines is A 1. Particulars on request.

P. A. Apee,
District Passenger Agent,
445 Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

Kingsbacher Bros
505 MARKET ST.

Christmas Diamonds, etc., at Wholesale Prices

Only eight days in which to do your Christmas shopping. Crowds getting bigger every day. Our sales have been enormous. The stock is complete in all lines, however. Wouldn't have been only that we are also in the wholesale trade and are able to replenish our stock every day. For the same reason we save you 25 to 33 1-3 per cent on all purchases of diamonds, watches, rings, silverware, or anything in the jewelry line.

What is a Diamond Worth? First Find Out How Much It Weighs.

In calling your attention to the articles mentioned in this advertisement we wish to state positively that this is the only house that fully describes and gives the exact weight of diamonds advertised. As everybody knows, the value of a diamond depends on its weight, and any description that does not contain that information is worthless.

OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

$7.50

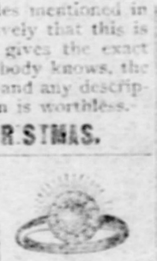
only for this gold gold open-face Chatelaine Watch, perfectly plain or fancy dial—fitted with good reliable Swiss movement.

$50

only for this lovely diamond Ring, weighing three-quarter (¾) karat. Can't possibly be duplicated at this price.

$3.00

only for this beautiful Hard Enameled Open Face Chatelaine Watch, enameled on sterling silver in dainty colors, such as turquoise blue, red, green, etc. Pin to match, all in a handsome silk velvet box, as illustrated.



$25

only for this beautiful diamond and opal cluster Ring, set with 14 pure white diamonds, with large fine opal in center, a charming gift.

$20

only for this elegant 18k solid gold Chatelaine Ladies' Watch, with beautiful 14k. Lenzel stem-winder, set with four white diamonds and fitted with either Elgin or Waltham movement.

$4.75

for this pretty solid gold Heart Locket, set with pure white diamond in center.

$5

only for this solid gold Knot Scarf Pin—pure white cut diamond in center.

$10

for this elegant diamond and opal cluster ring, set with 10 genuine diamonds and a fine opal in center—a handsome gift.

$5

for this exceedingly pretty solid gold Ring, set with 3 real opals and 2 genuine diamonds—positively best value ever offered at this price.

ENGRAVING FREE.

Over 10,000 Different Styles of Rings.

OPEN EVERY EVENING TILL CHRISTMAS.

Wholesale customers will please take elevator.

Wholesale and Retail.

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Seasonable offerings in attractive goods at attractive prices—

The widest range of selection in the city—can only enumerate a few items—but seven big floors full of suggestions—

Book Cases,
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Teak Wood Pedestals,
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Curio Cabinets,
Fine Screens,
Waste Baskets,
Dressing Tables,
Teak Wood Taborets,
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Men's Chiffoniers,
Cellarettes,
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2% ON CHECK ACCTS 4% ON SAVINGS

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DRY GOODS

Wednesday 16 December 1903

Winter and plenty of it is coming as well as Christmas—the snap that's with us is but the forerunner of snaps to follow. Your store isn't waiting until after the last one to turn the furs your way.

General and Generous Christmas Cut in Fur Coats and Jackets

Not a cut here and there of an odd jacket or two but a clean, generous, general, sweeping cut that includes every coat and jacket your store owns.

Alaska Seal Jackets Reduced

We don't have to tell you that Alaska seal is the best of all seal and that London alone can dye it—these jackets are Alaska Seal and London dyed them. The styles came from France.

London Dyed Alaska Seal Jackets Reduced From ..... 280.00 to 200.00
London Dyed Alaska Seal Jackets Reduced From ..... 300.00 to 225.00
Baum Marten Trimmed From 395.00 to 300.00.
Chinchilla Trimmed From 350.00 to 275.00. From 300.00 to 225.00
Elegant Copper Island Seal Jackets Reduced From ..... 225.00 to 150.00

Nearseal Jackets Reduced

Nearseal is the real fur and America excels—this season the makers and dyers excel their own past best.

38.00 Nearseal Jackets Reduced to 27.00 | 50.00 Nearseal Jackets Reduced to 35.00
45.00 Nearseal Jackets Reduced to 33.00 | 55.00 Nearseal Jackets Reduced to 39.00
Mink and Chinchilla Trimmed Nearseal Jacket Reduced From..... 75.00 to 55.00
Baum Marten Trimmed Nearseal Jacket Reduced From..... 110.00 to 85.00
Mink Trimmed Nearseal Jackets Reduced From ..... 85.00 to 60
85.00 Nearseal Coats Reduced to 55.00

Persian Lamb Coats and Jackets Reduced

Persian Lamb is the most favored and popular of all furs but they are reduced along with the rest. Saxony excels in the dyeing.

82.50 Persian Lamb Jackets For 37.50 | 85.00 Persian Lamb Jackets For 55.00
110.00 Persian Lamb Jackets For 75.00 | 150.00 Persian Lamb Jackets For 100.00
165.00 Persian Lamb Jackets For 125.00 | 190.00 Persian Lamb Jackets For 150.00
260.00 Persian Lamb Jacket Reduced to 165.00
Persian Lamb Jacket, Mink Trimmed..... Reduced From 140.00 to 100.00
Persian Lamb Jacket, Mink Trimmed..... Reduced From 127.50 to 100.00
Persian Lamb Jacket, Sable Trimmed..... Reduced From 335.00 to 250.00
Persian Lamb Jacket, Chinchilla Trimmed..... Reduced From 165.00 to 125.00
Persian Lamb Jacket, Chinchilla Trimmed..... Reduced From 395.00 to 300.00
Persian Lamb Jacket, Ermine Trimmed..... Reduced From 192.50 to 150.00
Persian Lamb Jacket, Ermine Trimmed..... Reduced From 225.00 to 175.00
350.00 Persian Lamb Long Coats For 295.00 | 180.00 Persian Lamb Long Coats For 135.00

Personal desires will have to be studied again and gift lists revised but dont be too long about it—such furs at such prices at a seasons opening means more than active selling.

300.00 Grey Squirrel Long Coat Chinchilla Trimmed..... 250.00

Scarfs and Small Furs

Sable and Isabella Fox Scarfs..... 8.00 to 50.00
Black Marten Scarfs..... 10.00 to 37.50
Grey Squirrel Scarfs..... 9.00 to 30.00
Chinchilla Scarfs..... 32.50 to 100.00
Blue Fox Scarfs..... 30.00 to 42.50
Mink Scarfs..... 20.00 to 125.00
Blended Baum Marten Scarfs..... 125.00 to 150.00
Black Lynx Scarfs..... 15.00 to 67.50
Black Fox Scarfs..... 35.00 to 65.00
Ermine Scarfs..... 25.00 to 90.00
Finest Russian Sable Scarfs..... 125.00 to 750.00
Russian Sable Scarf Sets, including Scarf and Muff..... 500.00, 750.00 and 1000.00
Round and Carriage Muffs
Childrens Furs

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233-235 FIFTH AVENUE

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The Remington Typewriter

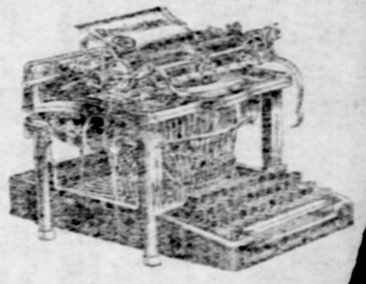
is the Best Investment. Dollar for dollar, it represents the best value of any writing machine. Never was the public appreciation of this fact more manifest than now.

The sales of the REMINGTON in October, 1903, were the largest in its history.

On November first the factory was 4,500 machines behind orders.

New buildings and additional machinery are now completed for doubling the factory output.

The typewriter users of the world demand the REMINGTON because it does the *Best Work* for the *Longest Time* at the *Least Expense*.



Its features are serviceable and practical:

The Tabulating Device;
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The Two-Color Ribbon;
the special machines for
Merchandise Invoicing,
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The gift that gives pleasure the whole year round—

Give the family a BELL RESIDENCE PHONE.

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Eureka Harness Oil is the best preservative of new leather, and the best renovator of old leather. It softens, toughens and preserves. Use

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on your best harness, your old harness, and your carriage top also; they will not only last longer but will look better. Sold in cans from half pints to five gallons.

Made by STANDARD OIL CO.

GOES WEST TO PROBE MYSTERY

Frank Melbourne, Canton's "Rainmaker" Believed to Be Held for Ransom.

MAN MISSING FOR TEN YEARS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CANTON, O., Dec. 15.—The letter which caused the Melbourne brothers of this city to believe that their brother Frank, who gained fame as a "rainmaker," is still living and being held for ransom, came from Frank H. Jones, a Cheyenne, Wy., mining expert and promoter. The letter says:

I do not know whether your brother Frank is alive or not and I do not know where he is, if alive. When he first left me I was piqued about it, thinking myself ill-used. I then, after hearing from his wife of her ignorance of his whereabouts, decided that his brother John, who never realized his greatness, had him incarcerated in some asylum, or that his was another of common cases where a man loses his identity and wanders about in partial sanity. I have lost none of my faith and affection for the man and his memory. This feeling toward Frank Melbourne is so common with those who were brought in contact with him that I am perplexed now nearly 10 years after his disappearance with questions about him until I am tempted sometimes to have a list of questions and answers printed and hand to inquirers. If I had the money and blood interest you have, I would get on the first train and go to Deadwood, S. D., and see Dr. Rothermel, whose card I enclose. When I tell you that I am sure he can tell you, first, whether he is alive or not, and second, that he can take you to him, maybe you think me crazy, but I am not more so than when we met last, and I am emphatic in saying that I believe that he is alive and lives west from here, and that he is not in his "serene mind," not that Dr. Rothermel, a very remarkable man, can take you to him if you catch him at Deadwood before he leaves very soon for Texas.

George Melbourne left today for Deadwood. At the station he said:

"I believe that Frank is being held by force and that is why I am going on this trip. If there is any trap, or snare, or any fighting to be done, I am prepared for it. Frank's rainmaking invention was a success, but like most other great inventors he was laughed at on the start. I do not know who this man Rothermel is."

Frank Melbourne, after a series of experiments here and after keeping himself locked in a mysterious shed a considerable part of the time, for his rainmaking powers were laughed at by the Canton people, left Canton in 1899, after failing to interest the United States government. In Wyoming he claimed to have a company organized to produce rain in the arid regions. Frank H. Jones, who wrote the above letter, being secretary of the company. William, a brother of Frank Melbourne, came east and soon all communication with Frank was lost. William has a book of many alleged testimonials from western people saying that he had produced rain as promised. Both William and George profess to believe that the "Rain King" is forcibly detained and that money is wanted for his release.

Woman Meets Death in Fall.

ROCHESTER, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Margaret Erwin fell and fractured her skull today, dying a few moments later. She was in the house when she became ill and fell, her head striking against an extension table. She was 48 years old and resided with her brother, Samuel Erwin.

Memphis Signs Klobedanz.

RICHMOND, IND., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Fred Klobedanz has signed to pitch for the Memphis team in the Southern league the coming season. Klobedanz was with Boston during the two seasons in which it won the National league pennant. He is now in Indiana in the capacity of a pub referee.

Western League Did Not Meet.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Western Baseball league did not hold its annual meeting today in Lincoln, according to the program mapped out last month by President Barton of the league, who informed the directors that the meeting had been postponed and that the date was in doubt.

BECAME EXCITED AND DROPPED DEAD

CADIZ, O., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The residence of William Hargrave was partially destroyed by fire today. Mrs. Johnson Beattly, who lived near the burning house, dropped dead in the street, her death being due to the cold and excitement.

BUTLER APPEALS TO AMERICA

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$800 to date to the Butler relief fund. The money will be forwarded to the relief committee tomorrow.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—City Physician Dr. H. F. Zener, president of the Mikado club, the large musical organization of this city, announced today that one-half the net proceeds realized at the coming production of "Robin Hood" would be for the relief of the Butler sufferers. Usually the Mikado club has given one-half its receipts to the Shenango Valley hospital here.

BUTLER STILL IN NEED, THOUGH AID POURS IN

Red Cross Will Take Up Relief Work and Nurses Are Given a Home.

The Pittsburgh Red Cross committee that visited Butler and investigated the typhoid fever epidemic there has returned and is prepared to assist the stricken town. The committee is composed of Mrs. J. L. Anderson, chairman; Mrs. George McKee and Mrs. R. P. Jones. Mrs. Anderson said yesterday that Butler will need $75,000. She said there was no friction at Butler, and she and the other members of the committee were amazed at the unselfish devotion which the people of Butler are showing. A meeting of the Red Cross will be held at 10 a. m. Friday in the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce. The general public is asked to go to the meeting and help in the relief work.

The Ladies' association of the Homeopathic hospital met yesterday afternoon to continue their work for Butler. The two houses which J. C. Say placed at the disposal of the ladies of the hospital (not the Red Cross) are now fitted up for the nurses who will do district nursing and distribute supplies and food. There are many of the hospital nurses on duty in Butler who will also find this a resting place when they can be spared. Supplies may be sent direct to 400 East Jefferson street, Butler, or left at the Homeopathic hospital, 408 Second avenue, Pittsburgh.

The Ladies' Hospital Saturday and Sunday association held an "all-day" sewing at the Free Dispensary yesterday to help the Butler sufferers. Seven machines were kept in operation from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., and a great deal of hand sewing was done. There will be another "all-day" meeting at the same place tomorrow.

The relief fund being raised by the Pittsburgh authorities has reached nearly $5,000. Yesterday $250 was added to the fund, which now aggregates $2,635. The contributions received yesterday are as follows: Allegheny National bank, $100; Samuel P. Harbison, $100; George Dimling, $10; Doubleday-Hill Electric Company, $25.

MRS. BLAIR'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The resignation of Mrs. James L. Blair as president of the board of lady managers of the St. Louis exposition was accepted without comment at a meeting of the local board today. A committee, of which Miss Helen Gould is a member, was appointed to adopt resolutions of regret. An election of a successor will take place tomorrow.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

STAMPING OUT POLICY GAMBLING IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The hardest blow ever delivered at policy gambling came this afternoon when the grand jury voted indictments against 140 alleged keepers of policy shops. This is the first step in a war which is aimed at stamping out policy gambling.

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Sailed Dec. 15.

New York.—Civic, for Liverpool; Kaiser Wilhelm II., for Bremen.

Lizard.—Rhineland, for Antwerp, from Philadelphia; Lancastrian, for London, from Boston.

Liverpool.—Saxonia, for Boston.

Arrived Dec. 15.

New York.—Hellig Olav, from Christiana.
Antwerp.—Finland, from New York.
Bremen.—Neckar, from New York.
St. Nicholas.—Hohenzollern, from Genoa, for New York; Prinz Oskar, from Naples, for New York.
Liverpool.—Sylvania, from Boston.
Glasgow.—Astoria, from New York.
Genoa.—Princess Irene, from New York.

Are You Bilious?

It interferes with work, pleasure and happiness—everybody is so at times; in many cases it makes life a burden—the fault is with the stomach, liver and kidneys. An occasional dose of pills will remove the evil if you take

Beecham's Pills

Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 25c.

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NOTICE
Store Closes Today at 6 P. M.
Thursday at 9 P. M. and rest of week at 10 P. M.

5-HOUR SALE

OF FURS

Wednesday (Today)
From 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Good, dependable furs will be sold for what the skins alone are worth. All are the loveliest new styles—rich, exquisite and fascinating. Needless to say such prices for furs of high quality were never quoted before nor probably will be—by any store. An excellent chance to buy a fur for a gift—after Christmas figures will be no lower. But remember these prices last for 5 hours only—from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., Wednesday. Under no conditions miss this sale and its great money-saving possibilities.

$4.90 for regular $7.50 and $8.50 Sable Fox Scarfs with 2 full fluffy brushes—same price for imitation Blue Fox Pelerine—satin lined—newest shapes.

$9.65 for regular $15 Sable and Isabella double length Fox Scarfs—78 inches long—with 2 full fluffy brushes and 4 natural claws.

$14.65 for regular $18, $20 and $22.50 Blue Wolf Scarfs—squirrel or satin lined—extra double length, with cord and tassels.

$14.65 for regular $18 double length Isabella Alaska Fox Scarfs, trimmed with cords, tassels and tails.

$14.65 for 2 styles of extra long regular $25 Mink Scarfs—either natural or blended—with mink or fox tails, also trimmed with cord and tassels.

$22.85 for regular $27.50 to $30 Sable and Isabella Alaska Fox Scarfs or newest Pelerines—one or two stripes—trimmed with 2 large fluffy brushes and made of finest selected skins.

$2.90 for regular $4.50 extra large size Nearseal Muffs—satin lined.

FUR COATS

$15.80 for regular $23.50 Electric Seal Coats—newest reefer style with high rolling collar and satin lined.

$22.85 for regular $30 and $35 Nearseal Coats, made in newest 1904 style—22 and 24 inches long—high rolling collar—new full sleeve—lined with Skinner's satin.

$65.00 for regular $125 Persian Lamb Coats—made in newest 1904 style—reefer effect—high rolling collar—lined with Skinner's satin.

Market and Liberty ROSENBAUM COMPANY Market and Fifth

Furs and Christmas are Synonymous.

Women—young and old—want rich, warm furs—And they should all have them this season—especially as they are more fashionable than ever—We are offering now—

Hudson Bay Sable Sets, beautiful, long and fluffy.	$150, $250, $400
Russian Sable Sets.	$400
Chinchilla Sets, long cape, flat muff.	$150, $200, $250
Mole Skin Sets—long cape, with chinchilla trimming.	$200
Squirrel Sets in large effects—new.	$100, $125, $150
Baum Marten Sets—resemble Hudson Bay.	$150, $200
Beautiful Russian Sets, exceptionally rich effects.	$100, $150, $200

For opera and evening wear we have—Delicate White Fox Sets—Elegant Natural Ermine—and many other light effects—

Children's and Misses' FURS.

Small furs in Fox—Native and all good furs—are now

Half Price.

This is your opportunity to bring good cheer to the little ones—

J. G. BENNETT & CO.
New Stores
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Open Friday Evening and every other evening until Xmas.

Simply a dream. What is nicer than a couch for a Christmas Gift?

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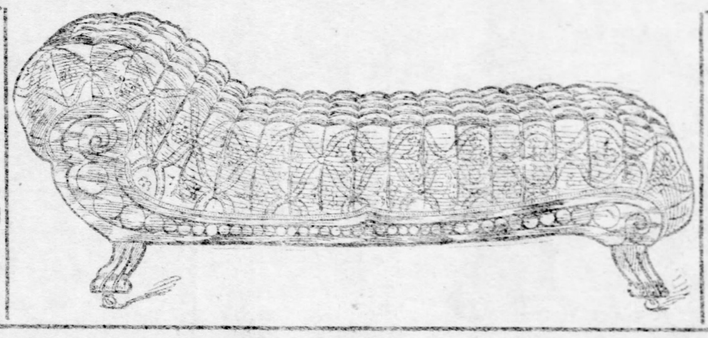
Velour Couches $4.75 Pantasote $15.00



Leather Couches $30.00 up to $150.00

COME, TAKE YOUR PICK. DON'T BOTHER ABOUT MONEY

Chamber Suits, $15.00 up to $300.00
Morris Chairs, $4.75 up to $60.00
Leather Rockers, $7.50 up to $75.00
Combination Cases, $15.00 up to $90.00
Music Cabinets, $3.00 up to $40.00

Parlor Suits, $12.50 up to $250.00
Sideboards, $12.50 up to $125.00
Extension Tables, $3.75 up to $40.00
Brass Beds, $10.00 up to $160.00
Ladies' Desks, $4.00 up to $45.00

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Atlantic Express, daily	3.00 a. m.
Manhattan Limited, daily, for Philadelphia and New York	3.35 a. m.
Pennsylvania Limited, daily	7.15 a. m.
New York Limited, daily	7.30 a. m.
Day Express, daily	8.00 a. m.
Main Line Express, daily	8.50 a. m.
Philadelphia and New York Express, daily	12.01 p. m.
Harrisburg Mail, daily	12.45 p. m.
Harrisburg Express, daily	4.30 p. m.
Philadelphia Express, daily	4.51 p. m.
Eastern Express, daily	7.10 p. m.
Fast Line, daily	9.00 p. m.
New York Special, daily, for New York only	10.00 p. m.
Philadelphia Special, daily. Sleeping cars to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. No coaches	10.00 p. m.

For Buffalo and Niagara Falls, 9.00 a. m. and 11.00 p. m. daily.

For Oil City, 6.15, 9.00 a. m., 1.55, 5.05 and 11.00 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9.00 a. m., 5.05 and 11.00 p. m.

For Titusville and Corry, 6.15, 9.00 a. m. and 11.00 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9.00 a. m. and 11.00 p. m. For Titusville only, 1.30 p. m. week-days.

For Du Bois, 6.15, 9.00 a. m., 1.55 and 5.05 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 9.00 a. m. and 5.05 p. m.

For Atlantic City, via Delaware River Bridge, all-rail route, 8.00 a. m. and 9.00 p. m. daily. "Pennsylvania Limited" and "New York Limited," 9.15 a. m. week-days.

For Connellsville and Uniontown, 8.00, 8.25 a. m., 12.30 and 5.05 p. m. week-days, and 4.25 p. m. Sundays.

For Connellsville and Uniontown, 10.05 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. week-days. For Brownsville only, 6.00, 8.25 a. m., 1.00, 3.25, 5.40 and 11.55 p. m. week-days. For Monessen and Belle Vernon, 8.00 a. m. and 11.55 p. m. Sundays. For Mount Pleasant, Scottdale and Mount Pleasant, Greensburg, West Elizabeth, Monongahela City and Belle Vernon, 6.00, 8.25, 10.05 a. m., 1.00, 3.25 and 5.40 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 11.55 p. m. week-days. For Monongahela City, 7.00, 9.35 a. m., 1.05, 5.00 and 9.40 p. m.

FROM ALLEGHENY CITY.

For Butler, 6.20, 9.00 a. m., 1.00, 5.15 and 8.50 p. m. week-days. Sundays, 7.00 a. m., 9.32 p. m.

The Excelsior Express Company will call for and check baggage from hotels and residences. Time cards and full information can be obtained at the Ticket Offices—No. 355 Fifth avenue, corner Fourth avenue and Try street and Union station.

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Columbus and Cincinnati	8.00 am	12.50 pm
Cleveland and Buffalo	8.00 am	4.30 pm
Wellsville and Bellaire	8.00 am	4.30 pm
Akron and Cleveland	8.00 am	4.30 pm
Akron and Orrville	8.00 am	11.00 pm
Alliance	8.00 am	11.00 pm
Jamestown and Youngstown	8.00 am	4.30 pm
Conneaut and New Castle	8.00 am	4.30 pm
Ohio Valley Express	8.00 am	4.30 pm
Fort Wayne and Chicago	9.00 am	8.00 pm
Toledo and Toledo	9.00 am	8.00 pm
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Mansfield and Ashtabula	9.00 am	7.45 pm
The Toledo Special	9.00 am	7.45 pm
Columbus and Cincinnati	12.00 pm	7.45 pm
Cleveland and Buffalo	12.00 pm	7.45 pm
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Chicago Limited	11.00 am	4.40 pm
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Connellsville Accom.	4.00 pm	9.00 pm
Chicago Limited	6.40 pm	4.40 pm

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Schedule in effect September 27, 1903. Trains leave P. & C. depot, Allegheny (Eastern standard time), for Conneaut, O., Erie, Girard, Meadville and Oil City, as follows: 1.15 a. m. daily for Conneaut, Erie and Meadville. 8.00 a. m. daily except Sunday for Conneaut, Erie, Meadville and Oil City. 4.30 p. m. daily except Sunday for Conneaut, Erie, Meadville and Oil City. For tickets, etc., apply at P. & C. depot, Allegheny, or corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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DEMOCRATS ARE HOSTILE TO CUBA

Lively Debate in the Senate Over the Proposed Reciprocity.

TIRADE AGAINST WHITE HOUSE

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The senate continued the debate on the Cuban bill today. Mr. Perkins of California spoke for the measure, as did Mr. Simmons of North Carolina. Mr. McCumber of North Dakota opposed it. Mr. Patterson of Colorado made an extended speech against the bill, during which there were numerous colloquies between himself, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Dolliver. With the former there was quite a lively debate on the tariff, in which Mr. Aldrich said the duty on sugar was too high.

Mr. Simmons explained that he had voted for the treaty and would vote for the bill. The bill contained some provisions he would like to have amended, but he realized, he said, the time for such changes was when the treaty was under consideration. He objected particularly to that in which was the five-year clause of the measure, on the ground that the action of one congress cannot bind future congresses.

Mr. McCumber ridiculed the statements of friends of the measure that its passage was payment of a debt, and said such expressions were mistaken ideas of philanthropy. On the contrary, said Mr. McCumber, Cuba for years had tugged at the tether which bound her to Spanish aggression and when we cut those bonds it was not understood that we should bear the expense of making the Cubans prosperous and happy. Beyond applying to Cuba the protection of the Monroe doctrine, guarding her against external dangers from foreign countries and possibly internal anarchy, he said we have no duty towards the island that he not already been discharged.

Mr. Patterson took up a colloquy which occurred yesterday between Senators Teller and Lodge, concerning the laws of Cuba governing immigration of Chinese into the island. Mr. Lodge had attempted to show that the Chinese exclusion act of this country was in force in Cuba. Mr. Patterson antagonized the statement and read reports and orders issued by the war department and later enacted into law in Cuba, and other data to support the position which had been taken by his colleague.

Mr. Patterson predicted a vast influx of Chinese into Cuba and declared the Republican congress to be the mouthpiece for the influences which threaten to destroy the best sugar industry.

Mr. Patterson declared that four out of five senators would hold their noses while voting for this bill and that many of them would cast their votes against it if they could break away from the influence of the White House. He compared those who are controlled by this influence to "A nest of young robbins standing with mouths wide open and ready to swallow even a reciprocity worm if dropped by the parent bird at the While House."

VETERANS HELD REUNION.

Post No. 88, of Allegheny Entertained a Large Crowd at Headquarters.

Abe Patterson post No. 88, G. A. R., of Allegheny, held a reunion last night of the members and their friends who attended the last national encampment in San Francisco. About 200 were present. The old soldiers were assisted in entertaining by the ladies' and citizens' auxiliaries. Chaplain Samuel Scott, who was the only speaker, talked interestingly on the many incidents that occurred to make the journey one long to be remembered. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

A large number of visitors were present from Greensburg, Mt. Pleasant and Johnstown, from which towns delegations of veterans and their friends made the trip to the Pacific on the special train of Post No. 88.

GERMANS ARE NOT OPPRESSED

So Say Representatives of the Government in Reply to Strictures of Reichstag Socialists.

FEAR NO REIGN OF TERROR

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Count Von Limburg-Stirum during the debate on the budget in the reichstag today, sharply criticised the government for failing to take vigorous measures against the Socialists. He drew a comparison of the Germany of today and France prior to the revolution, and said he saw in Germany the same uncouth and careless press on the part of the government that had existed in France.

Count Von Buelow, imperial chancellor, protested against the comparison and said that personally he felt himself perfectly free from the carelessness prevailing among the French ruling classes at that time. Of course, he said, the rulers of France did not believe that a revolution was coming, but it came swift and bloody.

"But where in Germany," asked the chancellor "are there oppressive privileges of the nobility and clergy; where here can be found luxurious courts; where the tithes and the vassalage under which the peasants suffered at that time in France? Thanks to our great emperor, and our great chancellor, Bismarck, we have a social kingdom, we have a social reform legislation in every nook and corner."

After outlining the policy of the government in dealing with Socialism, Count Von Buelow expressed the hope that the debates of the past few days would strengthen the confidence of the bourgeois classes in the government and strengthen their self-confidence, because the present order of society is really much stronger than society itself thinks."

Secretary of the Interior Von Posado Wasky-Weiner said that the Socialists could accomplish much more for the interests of the living class if they laid aside republican allurements.

The house passed on third reading of the bill prolonging for two years the modus vivendi in trade relations with Great Britain.

FUND TO FIGHT FRAUD.

Pittsburgh Association of Credit Men Raise a Purse of $5,000.

The Pittsburgh Association of Credit Men met last evening and created a fund of $5,000 for the investigation and prosecution of frauds perpetrated upon its members. During the past few years the merchants have been swindled by men securing credit, selling the goods and then leaving for parts unknown. The fund will be used to apprehend such persons and bring them to justice.

The meeting held last night was attended by 150 members of the association. President W. A. Given presided. A banquet was given before the business session. Among the subjects discussed was "Why don't all members of the credit clearing house make the whole number of inquiries to which they are entitled, and thereby not only obtain for themselves the full benefit of their contracts, but strengthen the service for all concerned?

TRUSTEE HELD FOR COURT; INCIDENT IN CHURCH ROW

George Deutche, a trustee of St. Stephen's Magyar Catholic church, was held for court by Alderman W. D. Mansfield last evening on a charge of embezzlement. The Rev. Kalman Kovats is the prosecutor. He testified that Deutche had collected $6 70 and had failed to turn it over to the church authorities. The prosecution is merely an incident in a fight which has been going on between the priest and members of his congregation for several months.

UNCLE SAM HAS NO APOLOGY TO OFFER

Assistant Secretary of State Loomis Defines Our Position in Panama.

SITUATION WAS CRITICAL

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The conditions which resulted in the recent establishment of the republic of Panama were discussed tonight at the banquet of the Quill club, held at the Hotel Manhattan, by Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, and M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, minister for Panama.

Assistant Secretary Loomis, in presenting his views on Panama and our relations with other Latin-speaking countries, said:

We have not desired to annex Panama, and we have not done so. The president simply executed the will of the American people with due regard to international law and rights. He was instructed by congress to secure a canal route on the Isthmus of Panama if possible. He waited until the adjournment of the Colombian congress, and gave the government of that country every opportunity to ratify the treaty or to propose some proper method, looking to the ratification of a new treaty, and the Colombian congress, in utter bad faith, rejected the treaty and adjourned.

In less than a week's time, and before the president could be reasonably expected to turn to grave consideration of the Nicaraugua route, the long expected and inevitable revolution in Panama came to pass. The people established a government of their own. We are acting fairly and lawfully under the treaty of 1846, and the administration has no apologies to offer for its course.

The rejection of the treaty at Bogota was an unfriendly act. Colombia appeared to us to enter into a treaty to build a canal. She refused to build it herself. In a most liberal spirit, a spirit unparalleled in the Colombian government, without debate. The belief seems to have been widely current in Bogota that the United States could not or would not build a canal by any other than the Panama route.

It occurred to certain men in Bogota that the United States could be made to pay 20 or 25 millions of dollars instead of ten, or better still, as official correspondence. Were the treaty rejected or not, action taken upon it and the whole matter postponed for another year, the concession of the New Panama Canal Company having expired by that time, the rescission of that concession would be declared invalid, and all the rights, privileges and work of the French Canal Company be made ready for sale. Stated at $40,000,000, in addition to the $10,000,000 as proposed and the annuity or a quarter of a million. This was a radiant and alluring prospect and the temptation proved too strong.

If the revolution in Panama had not occurred, if the American people, guided by the opinions of its most learned, efficient and highly trained engineers, refused to think the Nicaragua route impracticable and if the people and congress of this country had insisted that we wait until the politicians at Bogota were ready to negotiate a new canal treaty and if, the meantime, their congress had declared invalid the renewal of the French concessions, what might have happened on the Isthmus? It may safely be said that the government of France, which for a third of a century had stood passively by and witnessed the pillage of thousands of her people through the act which Bogota politicians forced upon the directing of the French company of $40,000,000.

The moment that the cable flashed the astounding news that the extension of the French concession was cancelled and that all probability, have been an armed conflict between France and Colombia. This would have wrought immediately and poignantly upon the sensibilities of the American people in regard to the Monroe doctrine and we should, no doubt, have found ourselves viewing France with annoying apprehension. The French warship might easily have been followed by those of England and Holland.

One of the most significant and valuable results of our action in respect to Panama will be the wholesome object lesson and the enduring moral effect which our arguments on the isthmus will bring to the eyes of certain people who are in sore need of instruction in the practice of peaceful pursuits and orderly administration. It would be of incalculable value for these same people clearly to understand in dealing with the United States there is a limit to patience of this government.

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The prisoners say that Staunton, who was about 45 years old, showed evidences of refinement and education. Who he was they do not know, and doubt if the name he gave his companions was correct. Hoboes do not expect each other to throw upon the ground which he and his companions had been resting when the fight started.

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HOBO PROFESSOR KILLED OVER BOTTLE OF WHISKY

Beaten Unconscious and Body Left to Roast in Camp Fire—Mysterious Man of Evident Education and Refinement.

Frank Staunton, a professional tramp, was beaten to death by brother hoboes, his body was found early yesterday morning near the Riverton bridge, between Duquesne and Monessen, lying beside the ashes of a fire. The body was frozen stiff and covered with wounds and blood. The only clothing left on the man was one shoe and a portion of his pants. The remainder of his garments had been burned off. It is believed that after he had been beaten to death his body was thrown upon the fire ground which he and his companions had been resting when the fight started.

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DANGER INSEPARABLE FROM DEADLY THIRD RAIL

George Westinghouse Believes Fatalities Can Be Minimized by Sectional Current.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—George Westinghouse, president of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, has written a letter on the subject of the deadly third rail.

Mr. Westinghouse, while believing that the record of deaths and injuries from the third rail on the elevated lines, considering the number of persons involved, compares favorably with any other railway operation in the world, recognizes that danger, more or less serious, is inseparable from such a rail carried at or near the surface of the roadbed. He agrees with other experts, however, that this danger can be minimized by the sectional current plan. He takes an unequivocal stand, however, in favor of the use of overhead conductors as the only means of obviating entirely the third rail peril. As to this, he says:

When I speak of an overhead wire, I do not mean the slight construction which has prevailed, and the breaking of which has occasioned trouble, but a substantial engineering arrangement, so erected that it would, in fact, not be an offense to the eye. In the obvious absence of an overhead trolley with the removal of the third rail would make impossible the present risks of short circuits between the car or parts of the car and the third rail, but it would be otherwise before yet to be generally used the proper application of the electric apparatus to these cars, so that in no event could the passengers be frightened by a short circuit. Only then, and this means that all of the wiring and electrical apparatus would have to be located beneath the bottom of a deep car, and with the wires carrying large currents above yet to be generally the floor of the cars, which might be damaged by accident.

FRANK A. PARKER.

Lectured on President Adams.

Dr. George Elliott Howard of the University of Chicago, lectured last night in Carnegie hall, Allegheny, on "John Quincy Adams; a Puritan in Politics." The lecture was under the auspices of the University Extension society of Allegheny, and was the last of a series of six talks on historical subjects by Dr. Howard. A brief outline of the early life of the third president was given and his methods of statesmanship and politics were compared with those of today. The lecture was very interesting, and was listened to by a large audience.

SHIRAS INTRODUCES TWO BILLS IN CONGRESS

Father of Councilman Wasson Gets Promotion in House of Representatives.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Representative Shiras today introduced a bill to allow Dr. W. H. Hosack of Allegheny the pay of an assistant surgeon for four years during the civil war. He also introduced a bill to pay the claim of $12,487 preferred by Commodore W. J. Kountz of Allegheny.

Senator Penrose today introduced a bill to pay the claim of the state of Pennsylvania for advances and expenditures made by it during the war of 1812. The amount of the claim is not specified.

Capt. W. H. Wasson of Pittsburgh has been promoted from bill clerk to assistant journal clerk of the house of representatives. Capt. Wasson has been employed at the capitol since the Fifty-fourth congress and this is his third promotion. His home is in the Twentieth ward of Pittsburgh and he is the father of Councilman Wasson. Capt. Wasson is one of the best-known and most popular men about the house and his latest promotion is a well-earned one. The salary is $2,000.

L. W. STRAYER.

KAISER DISCIPLINES HIS RECKLESS SON

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Crown Prince Frederick William was required by his father to remain in his room for three days, for having made a steeple chase against the emperor's wish. The crown prince is a venturesome rider and had been reprimanded by the emperor for riding up the steps of the Sans Souci palace at the head of the second company of the first regiment of guards, of which regiment he had recently been appointed colonel, a few days before. The prince, while at Bonn university, was noted for driving tandem at full speed to see how close he could cut corners.

BEQUEST EXPRESSES HATRED FOR AMERICA

MADRID, Dec. 15.—The will of the late Cardinal Herrero y Espinosa contains the extraordinary bequest of $10,000 to the first Spanish general leading an United States territory with an army sufficiently strong to avenge the defeats of Cuba and the Philippines." The legacy is to remain deposited in the bank of Spain.

MOZART CLUB OPENED 26TH SEASON OF SONG

Pittsburgh's Sterling Musical Organization Rendered Berlioz "Te Deum" With Fine Effect.

The Mozart club last evening inaugurated its twenty-sixth season with an interesting concert at the Pittsburgh Carnegie Music hall. An audience of exceptional size was present despite the severity of the weather. The club was assisted by the Pittsburgh orchestra, and also by E. Ellsworth Giles, tenor, J. P. McCollum, whose long and faithful services with the club have so much toward its success, was the conductor.

The concert was arranged as a tribute to the memory of Berlioz, being near the date of the centenary of the great composer. The opening number was an orchestra number, a Berlioz overture, the "Carnival Romain." This was followed by a solo, the recitative and aria "O Doux Moments," from Gounod's "Queen of Sheba," sung by Mr. Giles. Mr. Giles is well known here and needs no encomium. He has a beautiful smooth voice of fine quality, and he sings with perfect artistic feeling. His solo made a great impression, and he was recalled half a dozen times, but refused to give a supplementary number, much to the disappointment of his audience.

The Mozart club sang for the first time in Pittsburgh a rendition of Berlioz' "Te Deum," the single tenor solo being taken by Mr. Giles. It was evident from the work of the club that much earnest and thoughtful study had been devoted to the preparation of this work. The phrasing and attack were notably well executed and a splendid ensemble effect was secured. The "Te Deum" is a beautiful and impressive composition. The third chorus "Dignare Domine" seeming to possess more of musical charm than the other parts, though all are well conceived and full of sublime thought.

SUBSCRIBED LIBERALLY FOR PANHANDLE STOCK

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Representatives of the Farmers Loan & Trust Company, fiscal agents for the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway, say that the stockholders have subscribed liberally for the new stock of 47,500 shares preferred, which was offered at not less than par. Holders of both preferred and common were given the privilege of subscribing at par for the new stock to the extent of 10 per cent of their holdings. This privilege ended today. The money thus secured is to pay in part for construction indebtedness and to purchase real estate and equipment.

BIDS ARE OPENED FOR THE NORTH RIVER TUNNEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Sealed bids for the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's $50,000,000 tunnel under the North river and the East river were opened this afternoon. Robert H. Groff, who had charge of the opening of bids, stated that such a mass of papers had been submitted containing bids on various and minor portions of the work that it would be impossible to give out today a complete list of the bidders, to say nothing of making public the amount of their bids.

BRITISH NOBLEMAN BURIED AS MOHAMMEDAN

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The body of Lord Stanley, of Alderley, who died of pneumonia, was buried according to Mohammedan rites in Alderley Park, Cheshire, today. Such an occurrence is unique in the history of the British peerage. The strictest secrecy was observed. The casket was carried to the grave by servants, who with the members of the family were the only attendants at the ceremony.

NEIGHBOR SHOT LOW WHO ATTACKED FATHER

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 15.—To prevent William Cooley, aged 20 years, from braining his father with a poker, Walter Burns, a neighbor, shot the young man twice. The boy is fatally injured and the father has a fractured skull and will probably die.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPROVES NEW SITE

South Side Branch Library to Be Located at Twenty-Second Street.

The joint libraries committee of Pittsburgh councils yesterday held its first meeting since its organization, a year and a half ago, and approved the ordinance authorizing the trustees of Carnegie institute to build the South Side branch of the Carnegie library on a piece of ground, 192x120 feet, at Carson and South Twenty-second streets. The property is a part of the tract purchased by the city for the new approach to the South Twenty-second street bridge.

The trustees of the Carnegie institute propose to erect upon the site a library to cost not over $90,000. Some years ago the city purchased a piece of property at Mary and South Nineteenth streets for the South Side branch, but strong objections prevented the library from being built on it. It was sold and a committee of the trustees recently held a number of meetings to decide upon a new site. The Hilltop residents wanted the branch library in their section, but residents of the lower wards objected strenuously to going up on the hill to reach the library.

The committee finally decided that the approach to the South Twenty-second street bridge was the most central and accessible location. The ordinance approved by the committee yesterday gives the trustees the right to enter upon and occupy the ground. C. C. Wagner said the committee could approve the ordinance and if the Hilltop residents objected to the proposed site they could bring their objections into councils when the ordinance is taken up there.

ELOPERS ARE MARRIED IN TOMBS POLICE COURT

Groom from Clarksburg Pleased Because Magistrate Didn't Want a Fee.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—There was a quiet wedding in the chambers of the Tombs police court today. The couple were Miss Adah Barton, daughter of Costron Barton, a wealthy resident of Richmond, Va., and David Dix, mechanical engineer of Clarksburg, W. Va. Magistrate Breen performed the ceremony. The bride wore a deep blue silk dress and picture hat.

Mr. Dix said that the wedding was the culmination of an elopement. The father of the bride, he said, had opposed the marriage. "But," he said, "it won't do him any good to object now."

Following the wedding Mr. Dix drew from his pocket a wad and fingered a roll of greenbacks, evidently intending to pay the magistrate. One of the clerks whispered: "The magistrate would feel more grateful if you simply tell him that you thank him."

Mr. Dix thanked the magistrate and so did the bride, and then the bridegroom said:

"This is the first place I have been in the metropolis where the people are not out after the dough. The honeymoon will be passed in the city."

FRANK A. PARKER.

Hunting for His Sick Brother.

A. Morris Deacon of Denver is at the Colonial hotel seeking information relative to his brother, J. B. Deacon, Jr., who has been located here for some time. Recently Mr. Deacon of Denver received a report stating that his brother was seriously ill with typhoid fever in this city. He came on at once, but has been unable to find his brother. No trace of him could be found at any hospital and it is thought he must be in a private house.

FULL USE NOT MADE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Howard School Principal Alleges That Poor Boy Does Not Get Full Due.

The pedagogical section of the Academy of Science and Art met last evening in the lecture room of the Carnegie institute and discussed the general subject of the making of a course of study in the public schools.

T. B. Cressy, of the Howard school, spoke on "The Cooperation of the Home and School." He said the object of the common schools was not to turn out a boy with a trade or profession, but to prepare him for the beginning of such trade and to make of him a good citizen. He spoke of the night work enrolled in the present school course and the disadvantage under which the poorer citizens labor to prepare a lesson outside of school hours. He said:

The schools of today are paying more attention to the education of the child, and the girl whose home training is such as to make him free from danger to the state, whereas, the primary object of the public schools today is to fit the boy and girl for the home whose environment is such as to make him rather a danger to society. The boy and the girl that come from a home which is in no way fitted to give them the training which they should have are crowded by 4 o'clock in the afternoon and the people who have practically built those large school buildings are driven from them. You are taking the boys' chance away from him when every change is for one. Our school buildings are open about 200 days a year and for only six hours a day at that. What the state should be that the public school for the lower classes, and they should have the opportunity to use the schoolrooms for study purposes at all times. Keep the school open for three or four hours and the girl that must live in poverty, in perhaps one or two rooms, and any citizenship will be far better. We owe it to the lower class; the path of success will open and the child even if there were no compulsory schools.

SMALLPOX IN THE BOROUGHS.

Two Deaths at Homestead and Turtle Creek's Health Officer Stricken.

Two deaths from smallpox occurred in the Homestead Municipal hospital yesterday. The victims were Lucy Pasick, the 13-months-old daughter of John Pasick of East Pittsburgh, and Francis Grush, aged 25 years, of Duquesne. There is now but one case of smallpox in the Homestead hospital.

Isaac McKeag, health officer of Turtle Creek, was taken to the pesthouse in that borough yesterday, suffering from smallpox. He is thought to have contracted the disease while quarantining houses.

The Homestead board of health will hold a special meeting this week to take means of preventing the drainage of Braddock's Municipal hospital from running into the Monongahela river. The Homestead health board alleges that the state of affairs is responsible for much of the smallpox that has existed in that borough.

Liquor Dealer's Xmas Fund.

Contributions to the Christmas fund of the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Protective association of Allegheny county started yesterday. Seventy members of the association, doing business in the Fifth and Sixth wards, Millvale, Etna, Sharpsburg and Hill districts, have each promised to contribute $50 to the fund, and as some have promised to give more than that amount it will be used in the neighborhood of $3,500. The money will be distributed among the hospitals and orphan asylums. The members have adopted the method of distributing Christmas cheer because of stringent Sunday closing laws on Christmas.

Murderer Kruger's Request Refused.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Preparations for the execution of Charles E. Kreger were made today, when the commissioners ordered the noose. Kruger, who professed Christianity just before his recent "confession" of 16 murders, has asked that he be baptized in a stream of water outside the jail, but the sheriff will not grant the request.

Commencing next Friday (not before) and continuing till Christmas, this store will be open evenings till 10 o'clock

Women's dainty neckwear

WHERE everything in the department is so appropriate for Xmas gifts, it's hard to particularize, so we'll just direct your attention to

Our superb line of hand made stocks—studded with beads, chiffon and lace combinations, etc., and to our exclusive holiday novelties in those beautiful large bow stocks, made of taffeta or peau de soie, hemstitched or trimmed with French knots, some having cute little crepe lisse ruching, others with Bulgarian top collars—each piece in pretty presentation box— 48c, 75c, 98c, 1.25, 1.48

KAUFMANN'S
"THE BIG STORE"

Useful Xmas gifts for women

Dressing sacques — women's all-wool elderdown dressing sacques, shell stitched edges, all colors—today at 59c

Fancy aprons—your choice from several pretty styles of women's fancy tea aprons, lace and ribbon trimmed— 25c

Dressing sacques — women's all-wool elderdown dressing sacques, fitted backs, large sailor collar, trimmed with braid and ribbon— 98c to 4.98

Cardigan jackets — women's all-wool cardigan jackets, also hand-knitted hoods — worth $1.50, at 98c

Women's petticoats — made of best French taffeta silk, accordion pleated—worth $6.50, special at 3.50

Fascinators — women's large size hand knit fascinators, all colors—worth 50c, at the low price of 25c

Slippers selling rapidly

OF course! Christmas time is slipper time. Women can safely buy here for men, or men for women. Our salespeople will advise you as to the styles that'll please most—all you have to do is find out the proper size.

Women's fur trimmed juliets—in felt and kid, celebrated Dolge make, in black, brown and red shades, at 90c, 1.25, 1.50

100 styles men's slippers—in genuine alligator, tan and black kid and goat Faust, romeo, opera and Everitt, hand sewed, 50c to 2.00

Boys' and youths' slippers—opera, Everitt and Romeo styles, in kid and goat, at 75c, 1.00, and 1.35

Children's leggings—in jersey, leather and corduroy, Fauntleroy style— 50c, 1.00 and 1.25

Watches, jewelry and silverware

OUR jewelry store is almost double the size it was last year at this time. Had to be, in order to accommodate the increasing business. It's a pleasure to buy watches and jewelry here—for everything bears the hall marks of sterling worth—the kind that merits your satisfaction and continued patronage. Prices here are gauged on a small precentage of profits as in all other departments—that's why it will pay you to buy your Christmas jewelry presents at "The Big Store."

This lady's $3.50 open face gunmetal chatelaine watch, pin to match, 1.98

Men's 12 and 16 size gold filled thin model watches, guaranteed movement—with $12, at 7.98

This lady's $10 beautiful enameled watch and pin, back of watch set with pearls 6.98

Women's fancy colored enameled chatelaine watches, colored pin to match, 2.98

Hand carved genuine cuckoo clocks — strike ½ and full hour 5.98

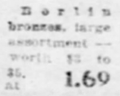
$7.50 large gold parlor clocks — in various designs including cupid, 5.00

Parlor clocks — 14-k gold-plated, cupid pattern, medium size, gold base 2.48

This beautiful $5 imported miniature hall or grandfather clock, 2.50

Gall bells — sterling silver bells — worth 50c at 25c

Photo frames—Florentine, 50c



Merlin bronzes, large assortment — worth $3 to $5, at 1.69

Cloth brushes — heavy embossed sterling back, fine bristle—worth $2.00, at 1.39

Women's $16 gold filled watches, Elgin or Waltham movements, 8.98

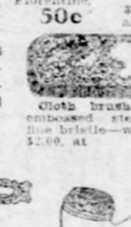
Men's $18 solid gold thin model watches, genuine Elgin or Waltham movement, 13.48

Women's $3 solid silver fancy engraved chatelaine watches 1.87

Brass trimmed iron clocks—large assortment, 8 day time Ansonia movement, 3.98 to 12.00

Gun-metal match box and cigarette case, put up in velvet lined box, 5.25

Beautiful mirrors — sterling silver handle, heavily embossed, 2.98



Briar pipes—sterling silver mounting, various shapes, 48c

Men's $1.50 solid gold scarf pins, various designs, 98c

50c sterling silver heavy embossed manicure articles, 25c

Women's solid gold pendants—real pearl and opal center—worth $8, at 5.98

Diamond penduants — various patterns and settings, plain and enameled 10.00 to 50.00

Women's fancy embossed gold filled lockets, various sizes — 5.00 and down to 1.50

Diamond pendants—for men or women — 25.00 down to 5.98

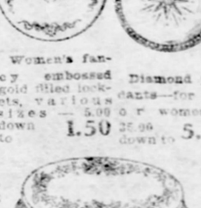
Shaving mugs and brushes, quadruple silver plated — worth $3.50, at 1.98

Beautiful solid gold fancy brooch pins, set with real pearls, 3.98

Men's solid gold tri-clasps, set with real diamond, with $5, at 3.98

Handsome sterling military brushes — various patterns, pair, 1.59

This beautiful cut glass puff box sterling silver top, 75c



Men's military brushes — sterling silver, beautifully embossed—pair 1.50 down to 1.98

Gold gold cuff links—real diamond setting, 2.30

Boys' $5, $6 and $7 suits and overcoats

Reduced to only 3.90

Most everyone gladly welcomes an opportunity to economize in the purchase of wearing apparel during the holidays. The fact that boys' clothing is also in great favor with gift buyers lends additional interest to this offer. But as for the particulars:

The suits at 3.90 come in Norfolk style, with bloomer or regular pants, double-breasted and 3-piece styles, lined with serge; also sailor, "Buster Brown" and other Russian blouse styles, made of velvets and serges.

The overcoats at 3.90 include the nobbiest automobile, military, "Buster Brown" and belted back tourist coats, also the three-quarter rain reefers.

Boys' extra fine clothing—embracing nobbiest red flannel lined oxford and blue three-quarter length overcoats, the new tourist belted coats, "Buster Brown" coats and velvet overcoats, together with all the nattiest styles of suits, sizes 2½ to 10—sale price 5.00

Silver for Xmas gifts

CHRISTMAS shares with wedding days the honor of placing silverware in the homes. Nothing adds more to the satisfaction of the ambitious housekeeper than to see her collection of silver increase in quantity and beauty.

Fruit or nut bowls—quadruple silver plated, hand burnished, gold lined—for 4.50

Cake baskets—quadruple silver plated, satin hand chased — at only 2.50

Baking dishes—quadruple silver plated, burnished lid with satin bases—only 2.75

Fruit dishes — quadruple silver plated frame, ruby bowl richly decorated with gold—at 2.95

Silver tea sets—4 pieces, exactly as illustrated, quadruple plated on white hard metal, latest Doric shape on feet— 10.00

5-light candelabra—quadruple silver plated, fluted pattern, at 3.98

Girls' wear reduced

WITH the weather ripe for splendid business, these big reductions in force, and Christmas just around the corner, today is bound to prove a day of brisk activity in the girls' department.

Girls' $5, $7 and $8 coats reduced to 3.98

They come in zibelines, all-wool kerseys and heavy cheviors; full cape effects; many beautiful styles—all sizes, at 3.98.

Girls' $14 to $22 coats reduced to 10.00

Exclusive novelties in a big variety of beautiful materials; several lengths; handsomely trimmed or the richly plain tailored styles, newest sleeve fancies—all sizes at 10.00.

Children's walking coats—in velvets and several all-wool materials, full cape collars, prettily trimmed with lace, medallions, silk and braid, full bishop sleeves, nicely lined, warmly interlined; sizes 2 to 8—worth $3, $4 and $5, this sale. 1.95

Girls' $3.98 and $4.50 blouse suits reduced to 1.98

Also two-piece regular dress styles, in serges, all-wool cashmeres, novelty checks and plaids, etc., the dressier trimmed with silk braid and velvet, sizes 4 to 14.

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WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH.....

STANKARD LOOKS LIKE COMING STAR

Pirates' New Player Has Proven His Mettle on Both Football and Baseball Field.

PLAYS WITH COLLEGE TEAM

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
WORCESTER, MASS., Dec. 15.—When the announcement was made that Thomas F. Stankard, the captain of the Holy Cross football team this season just closed, and shortstop on the varsity nine last year, had signified his intention of playing ball with the Pittsburgh National league team next season, many college enthusiasts thought that Stankard might not represent Holy Cross on the diamond next spring. However, Stankard will not be lost to Holy Cross, as he has not signed any contract, but merely signified his intention of accepting an open offer which was made him by Barney Dreyfuss.

In Stankard Holy Cross has one of the finest types of an athlete who has ever represented her in either baseball or football. Three years ago last fall he entered Holy Cross team from Boston college, and on trying for the football team easily landed the position at left end. His playing that season was one of the features, and he was heralded as the best end Holy Cross ever produced. In the spring he signified his intention of playing baseball and his efforts succeeded in landing him the position of first base on the second team.

In the football season of 1902 he was shifted from end to full back, and owing to his work there was chosen captain of the team for last season. Owing to the loss of Bill Dyer at shortstop on the baseball team last year, Stankard was given a trial at this position, although is entirely new man at the position, his work had all the qualities of a far more experienced player and his hitting was the best of any man on the team. He attained an average of .410 for his season's work at the bat, and was away ahead of his nearest team mate.

F. H. Hurley, president of the Worcester Eastern league team, made him a flattering offer which Stankard refused. Many managers have been after him since, but he paid no attention to the offers, as he wished to finish his courses at Holy Cross. However, through the instrumentality of Mr. Hurley, Stankard expressed his willingness to play with the Pittsburgh team at the close of his college course, which will end in June. Stankard is a Waltham boy and is powerfully built. He stands six feet tall, and weighs 185 pounds.

OLD TEAM WILL PLAY.

The Former Shadyside Hockey Players Will Test the Strength of This Year's Seven.

"Chuck" Rowe, the former Shadyside academy athlete, who was captain of the hockey seven that won its first game from High school in the Interscholastic league, is getting together a team composed of old Shadyside players to meet the present team. About all of the players who will be on Rowe's team are now in college.

Rowe is of the opinion that the players who represented Shadyside at his time are faster than those of the present. His team would likely be as follows: Zach Taylor, goal; Baumgardner, point; Rex Flinn, cover point; Ray Hutchinson, right wing; Gus Oliver, left wing; Syl Preston, forward; Rowe, center and captain. Other players on the Yale seven, Preston on Cornell and Taylor is a candidate for Harvard. Oliver played a wing on the Yale team last year.

Charlie Ahl, captain of the Shadyside team, has not yet given his consent for the game.

The Pittsburgh High school football team will be given a theater party and banquet tonight. The team will occupy boxes at the Alvin and will be banqueted at the Henry Hotel.

C. S. Shirk has been elected manager of the Lebanon Valley college team for next fall. A. B. Chippinger was chosen president of the athletic association.

The winners in the first winter trial track meet and the cross country walking match at Cornell were: Forty-yard dash, F. G. Wallis, Penn., 5 1-5; forty-yard hurdle race, S. Hallock, :31 3-5; three and three-quarters walking match, H. S. Ogden, 35:45; pole vault, W. W. Burns, 9 feet 6 inches; high jump, J. E. Hitchcock, 5 feet 2 inches; 8-pound shot, Hemingway; hammer throw, G. C. Sumner, 108 feet.

No official action has been taken toward selecting a junior crew by Cornell to the University of Pennsylvania regattas. The press notices, it is claimed at Cornell, have been misleading.

Manager Lansing announces the Yale baseball schedule for the coming season as follows: March 28, Trinity college, at Yale field; March 30, Fordham college, at New York; March trip—March 31, Georgetown, at Washington; April 1, University of North Carolina, at Norfolk; April 2, University of Virginia, at Norfolk; April 4, University of Virginia, at Charlottesville; April 5, Georgetown, at Washington; April 6, Baltimore Eastern league, at Baltimore; April 7, Manhattan college, at New York; April 9, New York National league, at New York; April 11, New York American league, at New York; April 12, Columbia university, at New York; April 18, Carlisle Indians, at Yale field; April 19, Holyoke (Connecticut league), at Holyoke; April 20, Brown university, at Yale field; April 25, University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; April 27, Williams college, at Yale field; April 30, University of Pennsylvania, at Yale field; May 4, Tufts college, at Yale field; May 6, Andover academy, at Andover; May 7, Brown university, at Providence; May 11, Amherst college, at Yale field; May 12, Trinity college, at Hartford (conditional); May 14, West Point, at West Point; May 18, Wesleyan university, at Yale field; May 21, Holy Cross, at Yale field; May 23, Georgetown, at Yale field; May 24, Lafayette, at Yale field; May 28, Andover academy, at Yale field; May 30, Brown university, at Providence; June 4, Princeton at Yale field; June 8, Dartmouth, at Yale field; June 11, Princeton, at Princeton; June 18, Crescent A. C., at New York (in case of no tie with Princeton, game on at New York in case of tie); June 27, Harvard at Cambridge; June 29, Harvard, at Yale field; July 2, Harvard at New York in case of tie.

COMPLICATED DEAL.

Cincinnati Works a Scheme to Get Jimmy Barrett.

The Cincinnati club is engineering about as roundabout a deal as has ever been made in baseball. Cincinnati wanted Outfielder Jimmy Barrett of Detroit to take the place of Cy Seymour, who is to be sold to the New York club to take the place of George Van Haltren. Barrett is a rattling good outfielder, but he is not on friendly terms with Manager Barrows. The Detroit club is quite willing to give up Barrett and wanted for him a third baseman, but Cincinnati could not give that kind of a player, being short on infielders. In order to overcome this Cincinnati trades Beckley, Bergen and Poole to St. Louis for Jimmy Burke and Outfielder Barclay, and these two players in turn are given Detroit for Barrett. The manager end of the deal is made to get New York's consent to a deal with an American league club.

AFTER THE HONOR.

Wheeling Wants a Chance for Handball Championship.

BEAVER, Pa., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Wheeling Admirals handball team today issued a challenge to the Beaver Greys team, of which "Tiger" Frank Buergey of Beaver, handball champion of the middle United States, is the head. This team a few months ago won the championship of Canada at the tournament at Toronto, and in the challenge the Wheeling team will give $50 per cent or a $500 guarantee. The challenge says: "We dispute their claim as to championship, for when the players changed their names from the Woodlakes of Pittsburgh to their present name they could no longer lay claim to the title."

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CHAMPION INSISTS ON THE COLOR LINE

Jeffries Says He Would Sooner Retire from the Ring Than Meet a Colored Fighter.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Although Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion, has posted a forfeit of $1,000 in San Francisco and issued a challenge to fight Jim Jeffries for the world's championship, there is not one chance in a thousand of Johnson ever meeting the big boilermaker in the ring. Jeffries openly declared for the first time tonight that if he had to fight a colored man he would quit the ring forever.

"Suppose Matchmaker Coffroth of the Yosemite Athletic club of San Francisco, who is in town, should offer you a larger purse to meet Johnson than you received for fighting Fitzsimmons and Corbett, would you change your mind and fight Johnson?" asked the reporter.

"No, I would not. I have said I would never box a colored man, and my word is final. Matchmaker Coffroth might just as well not make me an offer to fight Johnson, for I will decline it."

Jeff, who is giving boxing exhibitions this week at the Dewey theater with his sparring partner, Joe Kennedy, is compelled to be an actor in order to don the mitts. The law says a boxer must have a speaking part before he can exhibit his pugilistic skill. Last night Jeff had to say something like "I'll thrash you if you insult this girl again." The result is a three-round bout with Joe Kennedy, his sparring partner. "Jeff" showed in good form and was well received.

RUHLIN WANTS TO FIGHT.

Akron Man Thinks He Has a Chance With Jeffries.

AKRON, O., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—"I will fight Jeffries anywhere, at any time for any amount, and if I don't put him out in 20 rounds I'm willing to forfeit the loser's share of the money." This is Gus Ruhlin's reply to the sporting editor's query as to whether the heavyweight champion. Ruhlin has written formally accepting the challenge and urging the arrangement of a match immediately.

BRYAN IS ELECTED CAPTAIN AT E. L. A.

The East Liberty academy basketball team yesterday elected Joe Bryan captain for this season, and then beat the Trenton A. C. 29 to 8. Bryan, who plays a wing on the hockey team, had no opposition. He shot five field goals against the Trenton. The score at the close of the first half was 9 to 4 in East Liberty's favor.

Lawrenceville Seven Win Game.

The Lawrenceville Hockey club last evening defeated the Athletics 2 to 1. Lineup:

Lawrenceville—2.		Athletics—1.
McDonnell	Goal	Cordell
Thomas	Point	Price
Stak	Cover Point	Wilson
Ebersburger	Rover	Hershberger
McKinnie	Center	Myler
O'Donnell	Right Wing	Hill
Flynn	Left Wing	Edwards

Goals—McKinnie, Ebersburger, Wilson.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

The Lafayettes Monday night swamped the Friendship team 31 to 0.

The Young Americans went to McDonald last night and defeated that team 17 to 8.

The Stevens journeyed to Avalon yesterday and defeated the team of that place 22 to 16.

The Hillsdale basket ball team will line up against the Rambler Midgets tomorrow evening.

The Crescent A. C. would like to hear from all 13 or 14-year-old teams having halls. Address John Curry, 2220 Harkness alley, South Side.

The Fisher Midgets would like to hear from all 7 or 8-year-old teams having halls. Address Albert Urben, care Oliver Iron and Steel Company, Pittsburgh.

The Superiors open their season with the Trentons December 17. Superior would like to hear from all 16-year-old teams. Address John R. Kelly, Shady avenue, Allegheny.

One of the greatest games in the history of local basketball will take place next Saturday night at Odd Fellows' hall, South Side, when Manchester and South Side come together for the first time this year.

The Knoxville team challenges all 14 or 15-year-old teams having halls for any Friday or Saturday in December, Glenshaw and LaBelles preferred. Address Fred Ulam, 234 Orchard street, Knoxville borough.

The C. A. C. team that played at Freedom Saturday night was not the regular C. A. C. of Braddock, it is claimed, but the junior team of last year. The C. A. C. team has not played a game yet only for the title of the club, but have gotten down to hard practice and are waiting to hear from Hans Wagner, South Side, Manchester, Lyceum, East Liverpool and D. C. and A. C.

BANKERS DEFEAT KEYSTONE SEVEN

Champions Secure First Victory of Season—Campbell, Star of Game, Shoots All Goals.

VICTORIA TO GET DUVALL

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Victoria	1	0	1000
P. A. C.	1	1	.500
Keystone	1	2	.250
Bankers	1	2	.250

The Bankers won their first championship game of the season last night at Duquesne Garden by disposing of the Keystones, 2 to 2. The game at times was fast, but neither side could be accused of much team work.

The Bankers shot two goals in the first half and one in the second. Campbell getting all. Young, for the Keystones, rung up a goal in the first half and Fields, the new man from Ottawa, got the second for the bicycle gang when it was the means of tying up the game in the closing period. When Fields shot his goal the Keystones were putting up a creditable game, and the result, as a consequence, was much in doubt.

Campbell, who was the real star performer of the argument, however soon broke the tie by chasing down the field for his third shot for count, which put the game on the Bankers' side.

Early in the first half W. Young and Campbell got down the field and the latter secured his first goal. Campbell, four minutes later, made the best run of the night down the field, shooting goal.

Young got for the Keystones before the close of the half from a lively scrimmage.

Campbell, at the start of the second half, twice put the puck into the net, but neither time counted, Referee Dunlevy had detected offside plays. After some playing Roberts received a wallop over the head by Willett and he was compelled to retire to the dressing room for repairs as blood was flowing from the wound. The game was delayed about five minutes, and on the first face-off Bike Young came down the ice with the puck. Willett bodychecked him, but the rubber got to Fields, who shot the goal, tying up the game.

The puck was rushed up and down the field in lively fashion, mostly through individual work, before Roberts got clear of the bunch and rifled down to the Keystones' net, where he passed to Campbell who got away with a long shot for the deciding goal.

Manager Arthur Sixsmith of the Victorias announced that Peggy Duval, who got cover point of last year, is in Buffalo and will be in the game against P. A. C. Thursday night.

Score of last night's game:

Bankers—3.		Keystones—2
Graham	Goal	Richardson
Phymister	Point	Melville
Rose	Cover Point	Willett
Roberts	Forward	Taylor
Campbell	Center	Hanlon
E. Young	Right Wing	W. Young
Kent	Left Wing	Fields

Goals—Campbell 3, Fields, W. Young. Referee—Russell.

Young Americans Beat Indiana.

The champion Young American basketball team of Homestead played the Indiana team (champions of last year's Interstate league) its opening game Monday night at Indiana and won 42 to 40. Lineup:

Young Americans—42.		Indiana—40.
Ralston	Forward	Ellis
Crawford-Adams	Forward	McCreight
Brown	Center	St. Clair
Monroe	Guard	Moorhead
Murray	Guard	Gamble-Hall

Field goals—Ralston 5, Munroe 4, Brown 4, Adams 2, Crawford, Murray, Ellis 4, McCreight 4, Moorhead 4, Gamble 1. Goals from fouls—Ralston 8, Moorhead 6. Referee—Daugherty. Timers—MacGraw and Wilson. Scorer—Smith.

East Pittsburgh's Hard Game.

The East Pittsburgh and Bridgeville association football teams will meet in Westinghouse park, The Turtle Creek, on Saturday for the first time this season. Bridgeville has been cutting quite a swath in association circles all season, and will be greatly strengthened for this game. East Pittsburgh will meet the Fayette City team Christmas and the Anglo-Scots on January 2. Would like to arrange a game for New Year's day and December 26 with some first-class team. Gallatin and Braddock preferred. Address John Chambers, Box 17, East Pittsburgh, Pa.

Oxford Beat Cambridge.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Oxford university defeated Cambridge university by 3 goals and a try to 2 goals and a try in the annual football match. Rugby rules, at the Queens club here today. Large crowds of people witnessed the play, which was fast throughout and prolific in scrimmages. The betting was 6 to 4 on Cambridge.

BUT TWO FAVORITES COULD SHOW FRONT

Good Going on the New Orleans Track — Captain Brown Starts for Lexington.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Hands Across and Siddons were the only winning favorites today. Lee Dorsey was well backed in his race and nosed out a victory for his supporters. Autumn Leaves was cut down in her race.

Capt. Sam Brown leaves here for Lexington on Thursday, where he goes with his trainer, Bob Tucker, for a thorough inspection of the yearlings that will sport the cherry with the blue cap next spring and summer. Tucker will return here and remain for the entire meeting, which means that he will not take up the summer division until late in March. During this period of activity here he will supervise not alone the doings of the yearlings, but the older horses that are quartered at Sheepshead Bay. Three times each week he gets reports from his men, and the work at the stables is all done under his direction. Capt. Brown will go to Lexington for his Christmas dinner, then will come back on his yacht, and spend the best part of the winter here, taking short shooting trips with his friends. He has been won over to an enthusiastic view of winter racing in New Orleans.

First race, 7 furlongs—Hands Across, 105, Helgerson, 3 to 2, won; Badger, 112, Allader, 4 to 1, second; Anti Trust, 105, H. Phillips, 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:30 1-5.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Roxy Kane, 108, Trudeel, 20 to 1, won; Floyd K., 105, Wilson, 20 to 1, second; Nanness, 105, Fisher, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 2-5.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Little Jack Horner, 120, W. Hicks, 4 to 1, won; Sea Shark, 109, Helgerson, 5 to 2, second; Demurrer, 117, H. Mc——, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:02 3-5.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs, selling—Dr. Doyne, 97, W. Hennessy, 7 to 2, won; Dan McKenna, 103, Munro, 8 to 5, second; Huzaan, 98, Melntyre, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:02 1-5.

Fifth race, selling, 1¼ miles—Siddons, 110, Crawford, 8 to 5, won; Little Elkin, 103, W. Fisher, 4 to 1, second; Tremadero, 102, Livingstone, 4 to 1, third. Time, 2:04.

Sixth race, handicap, 1 mile and 70 yards—King Croker, 110, H. Phillips, 8 to 1, won; Myrondale, 103, L. Wilson, 15 to 1, second; Mondolin, 100, W. Fisher, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:52 3-5.

SOME CLOSE FINISHES.

There Was Fine Racing at the Ingleside Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Some of the best racing of the season was witnessed at Ingleside today. Several dishes aroused enthusiasm and especially that in the fifth. Tommy Burns made his first appearance and had the mount on Royal Rogue. He outfinished Bullman and gained the decision by a nose. Cougar upset calculations by taking the third event at odds of 12 to 1. Four favorites were successful.

First race, 6 furlongs, selling—Constellator, 105, Hildebrand, 9 to 10, won; Nora L., 105, Holbrook, 10 to 1, second; Ike Rosewater, 107, Bell, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:15¾.

Second race, 11-16 mile—Lord Wadsworth, 110, J. Martin, 2 to 1, won; Ebony, 110, Hildebrand, 3 to 1, second; Andrew B. Cook, 110, Lowe, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:08.

Third race, 1¼ mile—Cougar, 105, C. Kelly, 10 to 1, won; Veterano, 105, Hildebrand, 8 to 1, second; Dupont, 102, J. Martin, 4 to 5, third. Time, 2:09.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs, purse—Epicure, 105, J. F. Sheehan, 9 to 10, won; Ahumada, 110, J. Jones, 4 to 1, second; Leader, 105, J. Martin, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:27.

Fifth race, 11-16 mile—Royal Rogue, 105, Burns, 8 to 5, won; Beau Ormonde, 105, Bullman, 8 to 5, second; Arabo, 100, J. Martin, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:21.

Sixth race, mile, selling—Caronal, 90, Hildebrand, 11 to 5, won; Hilowaho, 112, Sea, 10 to 1, second; Forest King, 102, Burns, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:41¾.

Homing Clubs New Officers.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 15.—The annual meeting of the National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers was held here today. The following officers were elected: President, L. J. Kenggott, Buffalo, N. Y.; first vice president, George F. Kuett, Paterson, N. J.; second vice president, F. P. Carter, Baltimore; national race secretary, John Fischer, New York; secretary, William Verrinder, Philadelphia.

Tigers New Football Manager.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—George H. Coughlin, 1903, of Norristown, Pa., was today elected manager of the Princeton football eleven for next year. Warren C. Whitney, 1904, of Norwalk, Ohio, was made assistant manager. The election was held under the Australian ballot system, for the first time in the history of athletic elections at Princeton.

Russia's Building at St. Louis.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 15.—The design for the Russian building at the St. Louis exposition has been approved. It will be on the style of the palace of Romanoff Boyards at Moscow, and will cost $150,000.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR COLONIAL

Big Trust Company Will Today Make Changes Due to Deal's Failure.

ELECTION WAS POSTPONED

Officers of the Colonial Trust Company will be chosen at a meeting of the board of directors at 10 o'clock this morning, and it is said on good authority that T. Hart Given, president of the Farmers Deposit National bank, will not be re-elected president of the Colonial Trust Company.

Although there is no official statement to be had, it is known that certain strong interests desire E. H. Jennings, president of the Columbia National bank, to accept the presidency of the Colonial Trust Company. Whether this will be the final action remains to be settled at the board meeting.

The fact that the Colonial Trust Company is in a position to change officers at this time was not known to many outside of the institution. It develops that when the directors were chosen by the stockholders at the annual meeting in November, the new board did not organize. Instead the officers chosen at the reorganization on August 14, after the merger had been decided upon, retained the positions in the absence of regularly chosen successors.

Outside of the change in the presidency, changes in the Colonial's official staff are not expected. John A. Bell and James C. Chaplin will be re-elected vice presidents.

It will be easily in the power of the Colonial board to choose whom it pleases independent of the representation the Farmers Deposit interests have in that board. Ten members of the board of 27, which directs the Colonial, are Farmers Deposit representatives. The other 17 are considered strictly allied to the Colonial and will work exclusively for the advantage of that institution.

The Colonial Trust Company as the parent concern controls the banks embraced in the original merger plan by accepting the Farmers, which rejected the plan. In it are now merged the American and Pennsylvania Trust companies and it holds the stock of the Germania Savings bank, one of the Trade streets, Colonial and Columbia National banks, although the national banks have been for the past few months located in the Farmers Deposit banking rooms.

Cleaners industriously engaged for the past two days in the big banking room in the Tradesmens old building at Fourth and Wood have attracted much attention, and the report was current yesterday that the national banking interests of the Colonial will be occupying that room before the week is over. No official statement on this could be had.

Council's Minute Books Missing.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Attorney William E. Porter, president of select council, last night sprung a sensation by announcing that some minute books could not be found. Looseness in handling city funds has also developed in the finding of about $10,000 of fire insurance carried on the municipal building of which council knew nothing.

Good News for Connellsville.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The nine-inch guide mill of the Sligo mills was put in operation today, as was the plate mill. It is expected the 16-inch bar mill will be ready for operation by the first of the year. One hundred men were started to work today.

Pittsburghs Win Both.

On Allegheny Lyceum's floor last evening the Pittsburgh Lyceum's teams defeated both the first and second teams of Allegheny in two games. The first game, which was between the junior teams, was carried away by the Pittsburghers 32 to 16. The second game was between the first teams. The score: Pittsburgh 24, Allegheny 13.

Millvale Beats Glenwood.

The Glenwood bowlers were beaten at Millvale last night. Millvale will schedule no more games until the City league opens. Scores:

Millvale	884	794	828
Glenwood	770	863	886

BANK OF PITTSBURGH READY FOR BIG DEAL

Increase of Capital Stock and Enlargement of Directorate Authorized Finally.

The way was cleared for the consummation of the merger of the Iron City and Merchants & Manufacturers National banks with the Bank of Pittsburgh National association, by the vote of the stockholders of the Bank of Pittsburgh yesterday increasing the capital stock and also increasing the limit of the board of directors.

The capital stock will be doubled, making it $2,400,000 instead of $1,200,000. The capital of the Merchants & Manufacturers is $1,000,000, and of the Iron City $800,000. The merger will be made by the stockholders of the Iron City and Merchants & Manufacturers receiving in exchange for their stock the issue of the Bank of Pittsburgh, share for share. To compensate for the difference in book value, the holders of the stock of the merged banks will receive cash dividends. The exact amounts of the book values of the three properties are now being worked out. The Bank of Pittsburgh will have about $300 a share, the Iron City about $115 and the Merchants & Manufacturers about $120. The par of each bank's stock is $50 a share. The dividends for the Iron City and Merchants & Manufacturers stockholders will be easily found and the deal completed with remarkably few complications.

The board of the Bank of Pittsburgh has been limited to not less than seven nor more than 15. Yesterday's vote brought the limits to a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 27. It is said that there will be 24 directors. President Wilson A. Shaw and Vice President John Caldwell of the Merchants & Manufacturers, and President J. R. Paull and Vice President D. C. Byers of the Iron City, have been elected to the Bank of Pittsburgh board.

The Iron City's meeting to take up the arrangements for the merger will be held today. The Merchants & Manufacturers will soon be in shape to accept the plan officially.

The combination of these three institutions into one bank, ranking among the greatest in the city, is particularly natural by reason of the similar character of each, all being of considerable age, with the prestige of success and with many friends. Their popularity has been shown by the rapid growth of their business.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED.

Mrs. George Baughman of Wilkins Township a Victim of the Flames.

Burned almost beyond hope of recovery was the fate of Mrs. George Baughman of Wilkins township, just north of Turtle Creek, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. One of the children at the house had placed a ribbon in an open fire. Mrs. Baughman caught the ribbon and as it came out her dress was ignited and the flames enveloped her instantly. She ran screaming about the house until she fell unconscious.

Her sister, Mrs. Taylor Martin, who lives next door, heard the screams, and rushing into the house extinguished the burning clothes. Mrs. Baughman had been terribly burned, nearly half of her body being seared by the flames and her hair burned off.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY DEFEATED IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The negotiations of the Standard Oil Company with the Austro-Hungarian petroleum cartel regarding the expectation of oil to Germany, ended today in failure. The company proposed to take over the Austrian surplus for its German market, but the cartel intends to sell direct to the consumer.

Policemen Object to Deposit Order.

Pittsburgh policemen are complaining of a recent order issued by Acting Superintendent of Police Bernard McElroy, requiring all officers to deposit $2 with the inspectors to cover the loss of keys and badges. The order was put into effect December 12. The officers maintain they are under bond of $500 now and that is sufficient to meet any losses on their part.

Carriage Rules Are Changed.

Owing to the extension of the Carnegie institute the carriage road leading to the music hall has been done away with and the entrances and carriage hereafter will have to use the entrance west of the institute. After the concerts the police have arranged for carriages to form in the park driveway and approach on call from the south.

IN FOURTH ROUND.

Al Limerick Beaten to Helplessness by Miner Munroe Who Looks Like a Comer.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—With a hard right-hander swung to the jaw, followed by a left swing to the same spot, Jack Munroe sent Al Limerick of Butte, Mont., to the floor in the fourth round of tonight's battle at the Lenox A. C. Limerick was helpless, but not out, and, after a count of nine, arose at the most opportune moment to escape a knock out. Munroe, who showed considerable cleverness for a local boy, forced Limerick around the ring. He rained rights and lefts on the Butte fighter's jaw and landed left hooks to the stomach with alarming force.

Limerick made the circuit of the ring unable to put his hands up and dropping closer to the floor with each punch from the Dixie miner. As Munroe prepared to send home the final punch Tom O'Rourke signaled to Referee Kelly and the latter jumped into the ring and grabbed Limerick after 1 minute and 50 seconds of the fourth round.

At the end of the ring Limerick made helpless to the four arms outside and Munroe walked proudly to his corner, and Limerick thanked Limerick said as a father had thanked a boy who had saved his life.

By almost every spectator Limerick's exhibition was considered the worst ever seen in this city. Munroe came in for lots of praise, although he was frightfully slow, and was not able to realize on the easy chances Limerick offered for a knockout. Limerick was a disgusted man after the first 30 seconds of fighting. He used the ring to avoid punishment, but he had to tumble at other times. His continual clinging alone saved him from defeat in the second and third rounds.

Munroe showed the confirmation of all that he can send home a terrific punch with a little more experience, and his work tonight showed much promise. Munroe was decidedly awkward and in the second he suffered from a bad attack of stage fright. The Butte fighter towered above Munroe, and, except for being deadly around the chest, showed up well.

Musicians Choose Weis President.

The Pittsburgh Musical society, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Musicians, yesterday chose the following officers: President, Andrew G. Weis; vice president, Richard McCann; secretary, Charles A. Young; treasurer, Joseph P. Weber; trustees, Arthur Hoerig, William F. Parker, W. W. Bissell; executive committee, Oscar Nicolai, Emil Heinig, Edward Mostyn, Oscar Bellis, W. H. Williams, George Leipold, E. B. Dalton; delegates to the New York convention of the American Federation of Musicians, Charles A. Young, Andrew G. Weis and Oscar Nicolai; delegates to Pan City Council, John Toell, W. L. Mayer and E. B. Dalton.

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The facilities include stationery and a private postoffice. Letters addressed in care of The Pittsburgh Gazette bureau, Atlantic City, will be promptly delivered on application.

Booklets descriptive of the hotels advertised, may be had at application at The Gazette office.

HOTEL BELMONT.
Virginia ave., near the Beach. Open all year. Absolutely fireproof. Fine all House Comforts, Elevator, Steam Heat, Sun Parlor. Special winter rates. M. SUE, late Proprietor Ocean House.

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HAS FOUND TRACE OF LITTLE NELLIE

B. J. Reid Hears of the Girl Discovered on the Prairie Back in the Days of '49.

JUST DIED AT THE AGE OF 71

Nellie Gilmore, the girl whom B. J. Reid of Pittsburgh found deserted on the western prairies in 1849, has been heard from. She died about two weeks ago in Howard, Wis., at the age of 71, without having heard from the young man who 54 years before had been instrumental in rescuing her. Her nephew, B. B. Burgess, has written to Mr. Reid, telling him of facts in the after life of the girl whom he met under such sorrowful circumstances.

The Gazette has told of Mr. Reid's efforts to trace the movements of the girl. He met her in 1849 on the banks of the Little Sandy river in the far west. Mr. Reid was with a party bound overland for California. One day, while riding a pony in advance of the caravan, he came upon a girl sitting in the prairie. Hard by were the graves of her father and mother. She and her brother, who was down with the cholera, had been abandoned by the party with whom they were making the journey. Their oxen was dead and they and their wagon were left behind. Mr. Reid and his party pitied the young couple. They could not take them along, for their own worn-out mules had more than they could pull, but a fund was raised that the girl might buy oxen from the Reid party to come along, and before they left a caravan of Missourians had arrived and promised to care for the girl and her brother and take them to California.

Searching for the Girl.

Since that day Mr. Reid had never heard of the forlorn remnant of the Gilmore family. He returned from California about three years afterward. He made his first trip back in 1850, and since that time visited the state four or five times. On his last journey there in the summer of this year he told the story to some old friends, and they suggested that he try to trace the girl. He wrote from Pittsburgh to the editor of a paper in Missouri, and last week he received an answer to his inquiries from Mr. Burgess. Desiring more particulars he wrote Mr. Burgess and received another letter. When the first was written the girl was alive; in the second letter Burgess wrote that she had died a week before. She had often spoken of Mr. Reid and desired to meet and thank him. There is romance in the story that Mr. Burgess tells, for the girl married a man who was with the party that picked her up. Some years ago she and her husband lived in New York, where Mr. Reid could have visited them had he known of their existence.

Mr. Burgess lives in Washington, Kan. His second letter to Mr. Reid is as follows:

Life Story of the Waifs.

"I have received your letter of December 8. You ask me what became of the girl and her brother; where they are, if living, and if they married and had children. The boy never had any children to grow up. The girl had one child to grow to young womanhood before she died. That child was my mother. Her name was Nellie Gilmore; she was born in June, 1832, and was 17 years old when she was married to Henry F. Parsons, my mother's brother. He died in 1855. Aunt died last week. She was 71 years old. Her brother's name was Charles Gilmore. He was born in January, 1825, and died in 1875 or 1876. I do not remember the name of the place in Missouri where they started for California.

"Have often heard Aunt speak of you. She said she would like to see you again, but she never could find where you were. She often said that if ever she worshiped any human being it was you, who came to her in the wilderness and saved her and her brother from perils, terrible from the very uncertainty of their nature. She and her brother hoped God's blessing would accompany you wherever you might be. I had a long talk with Aunt only a few years ago, and she longed to know if you were alive and where you were. But she and her brother are both gone."

Girl Married Soon After.

"After you went on they traveled to Sacramento and Nellie and Uncle Henry were married that same fall or in the winter of 1849. They came back to Wisconsin in 1874 and then went to New York city, where they lived until 1881, when they came back to the neighborhood of Galesburg, Mich. Aunt died at my sister-in-law's house in Howard, Wis., last week. Charles Gilmore died in Michigan. His widow married again and is in California somewhere. I am so well posted because the girl married into the family. I am 58 years old. I was born in 1834 and have put in many years for the government exploring this country. If there is anything you wish to know I am at your service and willing to give all the information I can. If you or any of your friends who helped the girl when she and her brother were left alone on the Little Sandy river, to be perhaps scalped by Indians or devoured by wild beasts, I also send you my best wishes, as I know my aunt would have done had she known where to find you."

Mr. Reid, in commenting on this letter, said he thought the girl probably exaggerated the perils and loneliness. The Indians were not on the warpath; the wild beasts of the prairie were not carnivorous and it was safe to reckon that a wagon train a day would pass a given point.

Prompt and Liberal Response.

He merely was the first to find Miss Gilmore. When it was suggested that a fund be collected to help the two young folks there was instant response. Mr. Reid does not recollect how much money was raised, but he knows it was a liberal sum, enough to lift the little couple above want and enable them to pay their way with any caravan that might come along with room to spare. Mr. Reid's train only moved on after the Missourians, who promised to take care of the girl and her sick brother, came up. Five physicians were with the Reid party, and they attended the sick boy and left medicine with him.

Easy Money.

If you need money for the holidays or any other purpose, consult the MECHANICS LEASE & TRUST CO., 401 BIJOU BUILDING, 6TH AVE. They loan from $10 to $1,000 on furniture, pianos, household goods, or any other kind of security, on liberal terms. Easy payments and strictly confidential.

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SOCIETY

THE first debutante of the season to make her debut at an evening reception was Miss Eleanor Mary McCook, who was introduced last evening at the Schenley by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis F. McCook of Swissvale. The ball room of the hotel was beautifully decorated for the entertainment, a dance for the young people supplementing the reception. The debutante and her father and mother received together, standing before a tall rush screen on which the debutante bouquets were tastefully arranged, and which was placed near the entrance. In the corners of the ball room cozy corners were formed of screens and palms, the soft easy couches and chairs within proving acceptable resting places for the dancers. Mrs. McCook received in a gown of white Russian lace, elaborately trimmed with gold and silver spangles, the debutante wearing white embroidered gauze, with simple trimmings of rice lace. A particularly pretty fluffy effect was given by the use of showers of tiny chiffon rose buds, which fell over the sleeves and bodice and almost enveloped the shirred skirt. Miss McCook, the eldest daughter of the house, wore an exquisite gown of white shorty satin with rainbow spangles, while Miss Katherine McCook, who was introduced a couple of years ago, wore white embroidered chiffon with gold spangles. Mrs. McCook wore a corsage bouquet of violets, the debutante carrying pink roses. Early in the new year Mrs. McCook will give a luncheon for her daughter and on Wednesday, December 30, Mrs. Francis X. Barr will give a theater party for her at the Nixon. Miss Rachel Miller will give a tea in her honor December 28.

Carter—Garrison.

In the First Cumberland Presbyterian church last evening at 7 o'clock occurred the marriage of Miss Willa Estelle Carter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter of South Linden avenue, and Charles Scott Garrison, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Garrison of the East End. The maid of honor, Miss Grace Bradford of Baltimore, was the bride's only attendant. Mr. Garrison had William B. Rush as best man, and the ushers were A. Axtell Garrison, Jr., Robert Rush, Henry B. Carter, Dr. A. F. B. Morris, John B. White of Mercer and Paco Billings Carter of Princeton. The Rev. John Loyal Harrie, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony, the bridal couple leaving immediately after it for their honeymoon in the east. The bride was gowned in white crepe and lace with a Prince of Wales plume in her hair. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley in shower effect, while that carried by the maid of honor was of roses. Miss Bradford wore a gown of blue crepe. Among the out-of-town guests present were Judge Lindsay Crawford of Waynesburg, Charles Pinke and Miss Pinke of Baltimore, and Miss Mary Harman of Philadelphia. All of whom were entertained at the bride's home. The church was prettily decorated with holly wreaths and smilax. At the home Mrs. Carter will receive after Mr. and Mrs. Garrison will receive their friends in Holly street on Thursdays in January.

Stewart—Cuthbert.

The wedding of Miss Enid Martha Stewart, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Stewart of Swissvale avenue, Edgewood Park, to John Carwell Cuthbert of Pittsburgh, a member of the firm of Cuthbert & Cuthbert, took place last night at the home of the bride, the Rev. R. E. Cuthbert, a brother of the groom, officiating. The bride, attired in a dress of organdie over white taffeta, the point lace and carrying a shower bouquet of brides roses, was given away by her father. The Best man was Samuel Baker Stewart, brother of the bride, and the maid of honor, Miss Martha Stewart, a cousin of the bride. The bride's maid was Miss Valeria Peterman of Pittsburgh. Ralph Cuthbert, brother of the groom, and S. Smith Stewart, cousin of the bride, were ushers. Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert left for the south and will return to the bride's home by January 1, where they will remain until April 1.

Invitations for Mid-Winter Dances.

Invitations were issued yesterday for a series of subscription dances which will be conducted at the Schenley. They are called mid-winter dances and will be held on December 30, January 6 and January 13. They have been arranged by the debutantes of the East End, with Miss Alice Guthrie as their head. Houston Hill and John Brandon Guthrie complete the committee in charge. The patronesses, among whom there are several of the recent brides, include Mrs. Francis J. LeMoyne, Mrs. Albran Sharpless Valentine, Mrs. George Rumbold Pilson, Mrs. Eugene E. Mesaler, Mrs. David King Irwin, Mrs. James H. Hallman, Mrs. Haines Allen MacChesney, Mrs. Charles Clapp, Mrs. Frank N. Schwartz, Mrs. James B. Laughlin, Mrs. Moses Bedell, Mrs. Robert, Mrs. David Aiken Reed, Mrs. Richard B. Sudam, Mrs. Samuel A. McElroy, Mrs. Alexander Blair and Mrs. Robert Pitcairn, Jr.

Stahl—Little.

Miss Mabel Stahl and Harry R. Little, the latter of Crafton, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stahl of Sheridan yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Healey of the Sheraden Presbyterian church solemnized the marriage. Miss Edith Lindsay was maid of honor and the best man was James McGuire of Pittsburgh. After a wedding trip, Mr. Little and his bride will be at home in Sheraden at home dates after February having been announced.

Mrs. Balken's Whist.

Miss Helen Macbeth, who has been quite extensively entertained since her debut last month, was honor guest at the domino whist given yesterday by Mrs. Henry Duff Balken of College avenue. The game was played at seven tables, each of which two prizes were awarded. The guests were selected from this year's debutantes with a few of last year's. Mrs. Hew C. Torrume and Mrs. George A. Macbeth poured chocolate.

Miss Miller Will Entertain.

Miss Georgia Heard and Miss Eleanor McCook will share together the honors of a small 4 o'clock tea which Miss Rachel McMasters Miller will give at the Schenley next Wednesday. The affair will be principally for the younger girls. Miss Miller and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Miller, are also staying at the Schenley this winter, as is their usual custom.

Pittsburghers at the Seashore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wenman A. Lewis of Amberson street, Shadyside, who have been spending the past few days in Atlantic City, are expected home early next week. Mrs. Lewis is one of their son, Gerhard J. Lewis, and Miss Laura Rawell, a daughter of Joseph Rawell of Murray Hill avenue, will take place during the latter part of January.

Mrs. Schmertz's Invitation Out.

Mrs. Clarence E. Schmertz of Center avenue issued invitations yesterday for the ball she will give for her debutante daughter, Miss Alice Schmertz. The Schenley will be the scene of the affair on the evening of Monday, December 28.

Among the Clubs

The Mission of the Birds.

One of the most interesting talks given before the Women's club of Pittsburgh occurred yesterday afternoon, when Frederick S. Webster of the Carnegie museum spoke on "The Coming and Going of the Birds." Mr. Webster described the migration of the birds north and south and called them the friends of mankind, for without them there would be little physical and artistic enjoyment, for if there were no birds there would be no vegetation, the worms and bugs destroying all the plant life. Mr. Webster noted a decrease in the numbers of the birds, which he attributed to the cruel habits of boys, who kill them, and the custom of women and girls of trimming out their hats. He also ascribes to the birds a degree of intelligence beyond that of instinct demonstrated in their unwavering flight of long distances from their carrying pigeons. The lecture was followed by an informal reception, when the members of the club met Mr. Webster and Mrs. Webster, who will live in Pittsburgh. The club resterday. The officers, with Mrs. William J. Glenn, the leader for the day, received informally. The tea table stood in the alcove and was prettily decorated with red and pink flowers. Tea was served by the members of the social committee, of which Mrs. Pittellus Matthews is the chairman. Mrs. Minnie O. Rearden read several original poems, one being entitled "The Block House." Yesterday afternoon the club passed resolutions extending the sympathy of the members to Mrs. Alice Blumberg and her daughter, Miss Caroline Blumberg, in the death of Dr. Albert Blumberg two weeks ago, and also to Mrs. Henry J. Bailey in the death of her husband 10 days ago. Mrs. Blumberg and Miss Blumberg are both prominent members of the Women's club, and Mrs. Bailey, though not a member of the club, is a prominent Pittsburgh clubwoman and a member of the board of the State Federation. The committee on resolutions included Mrs. Jane A. Hall and Mrs. Sarah Archer.

Club Meetings.

The Lawrenceville New Century club met yesterday afternoon and discussed "English Men of Letters," covering the period commencing with Chaucer and Spenser and closing with Addison and Pope. Mrs. Louise Shira was the leader for the day.

The regular meeting of the Tuesday Musical club was held yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Schenley and was interesting and enjoyable, a program of music was presented by the members of the club.

Colonial Club Studies the Indians.

The Colonial club met in the Hotel Henry yesterday afternoon and discussed Indians. The club is considering the possibility of securing Miss Quinton for a talk on the Indian question some time in January, and will try to interest other clubs in the project. Mrs. Moore was the leader yesterday, and the program which was presented Rodman E. Speer, Mrs. Masters, who rattled "The Indian Sermon," Mrs. E. B. Sullivan read a paper, "A Walk by the Arno."

Church Club Elects Officers.

The Avalon club, composed of members of the Parker Avenue United Presbyterian church, Braddock, held a meeting last evening. Officers were elected as follows: President, Charles W. Hawthorne; vice president, the Rev. C. R. Estis; secretary, David Pryde; treasurer, Clyde Kelley.

WORLD-FAMED ARTIST TO BE HEARD HERE THIS WEEK

When Madame Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler's name is mentioned among artists she is called a great pianist, not a great woman pianist. The is because her art is so great that sex is forgotten. Today in Europe and America Madame Zeisler is in the front rank of concert players without a peer among woman pianists. It is two years since she has played here, and, judging from the demand for tickets the great woman pianist will have a full house Friday evening and Saturday afternoon will have few vacant seats. She has chosen the Schumann concerto for her important number and the most effective piece for the second part of the program. The orchestral numbers are the Tschaikowsky 5th symphony, which, with Dvorak's "New World," are the most popular in this city of ours in this line. Then there is a novelty, Cowen's "Indian Rhapsody," and a fine piece of music the "Marche Heroique," by the French composer, Saint-Saens.

Dinner for Miss Lauder.

Mr. and Mrs. Remsen V. Master of Morewood avenue gave a handsomely appointed dinner last evening with their niece, Miss Elizabeth Storm Lauder, as their honor guest. Miss Lauder was introduced to society a few weeks ago by her aunt, Mrs. Rose Storm Lauder, who has arranged to give a ball for her December 28 in the Pittsburgh club. At the dinner last evening, covers were placed for 14 all being seated at one table. The centerpiece was a mound of pink begonias.

RICH MEN ARE NOT ALL HAPPY.

Croesus, King of Lydia, Had Troubles of His Own, and There Are Others.

Croesus, the John D. Rockefeller of the kingdom of Lydia, was very well-to-do in worldly goods and chattels. "As rich as Croesus," is a saying about 2,500 years old. He had his troubles, however, and some of them were full grown. He was taken captive once by Cyrus and only saved himself from being burned alive by quoting a saying of Solon, the sage. He finally had to flee his kingdom for parts unknown.

Many of the rich man's troubles today come from high living and could be avoided. They are brought on by eating all kinds of rich, heavy foods at irregular times, lack of proper exercise, undue mental strain, unnatural stimulants, etc., and are commonly known as indigestion, dyspepsia and weak stomach. They are serious troubles all right, but not only can they be avoided, but can also be cured, and that without loss of time or proper food and nourishment.

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APPEALS ARE NUMEROUS.

Oakland and East End Property Owners File Exceptions to Assessments.

The city assessors yesterday heard appeals from the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards, the appeals from the Oakland and the two East End wards were numerous and probably many more will come in during the balance of the week. The assessors stated yesterday that final action had been taken on all the appeals from the South Side wards and that the appeals from the first 12 wards of the city would be taken up next. This will require at least a week's time, as the heaviest increases were made in the lower part of the city.

The appeals now being received from the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth wards are placed on file and will be acted upon in their order. As predicted yesterday in The Gazette, a number of appeals were received yesterday from Oakland property owners south of Forbes street, claiming reductions on account of the ore dust. Select Councilman James J. Booth, who lives in the district most affected by the ore dust, said that it had greatly affected the value of property, although there had been fewer complaints during the last couple of months on account of the furnaces at Jones & Laughlin's plant being shut down. Mr. Booth said that the residents of the Fourteenth ward have taken appeal from the decision of the lower court in their fight to put an end to the ore dust nuisance, and that the case would come up in the supreme court in February. Mr. Booth was one of those who visited the city assessor's office yesterday.

VETERAN DETECTIVE IS IN LINE FOR PROMOTION

DETECTIVE THOMAS C. JOHNSON.

Allegheny Select council will this afternoon pass finally on the ordinance creating the office of superintendent of detectives. The measure is likely to go through without discussion. In the event of its passage Thomas C. Johnson, the veteran detective, will be appointed to the office, which is to pay $1,800 a year. Johnson has been in the service 28 years, and is known as one of the best thief-catchers in the country.

MICHIGAN MEN MEET.

Michigan University Alumni Association of Pittsburgh Was Formed Last Night.

A well-attended meeting of University of Michigan men was held at the Hotel Henry last night, and the "Michigan University Alumni association of Pittsburgh" was organized. The object is chiefly to promote the welfare of the university. All alumni or students who at any time attended the university or any department of it, are eligible to membership. Among those present last night were:

Herman E. Ruoff, Peter M. Lippert, J. Warren Hunter, William Kaufman, Charles F. Weidemer, John Zeig, Calen C. Hartman, William H. Leahy, Jr., T. S. Buggie, L. L. George, George M. Harton, W. M. Stengen, Dr. C. L. Kemely, Dr. C. C. Mechling, Dr. G. W. Allyn, John M. Haverty, Richard Hardy, C. F. Chubb, George M. Hosack, W. N. Chaffee, W. A. Kessler, William G. Chesebrough, Malcolm R. Marshall, William M. McNair, Dr. B. J. Wolf, the Rev. Robert I. Fonze, S. D. Hoyt, Clara D. Berry, W. C. McClure, John A. Murphy, Dr. S. W. Clark, S. P. Orner, Alexander C. Uensold, James G. Hays, C. C. Hart, E. C. Stone and Fleming Nevin.

James G. Hays was elected president; O. R. Hardy, vice president, and Fleming Nevin, secretary. It was decided to have a banquet in January, at which Dr. James Angell, president of the university, will be the honor guest.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Charles F. Wood	Mt. Pleasant
Margaret A. Fox	Mt. Pleasant
George A. Kerr, Jr.	Pittsburgh
Margaret Aiken	Pittsburgh
Charles S. Garrison	Pittsburgh
Willa E. Carter	Pittsburgh
Charles E. Gustafson	McKeesport
Rodger Ridley	Pittsburgh
Agnes Green	Pittsburgh
Charles F. Boaz	McKeesport
Isabella I. Reid	McKeesport
William J. Cuppe	Pittsburgh
Alice Trout	Pittsburgh
Harry M. Hyus	Pittsburgh
Margaret E. Ralph	Pittsburgh
Johann Kremer	East Pittsburgh
Annie Mihalj	East Pittsburgh

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Sets: Dinner, Pudding, Chocolate, Tea, Ice Cream, Berry, Roast, Water, Lemonade, Chop, Chamber, Bouillon, Wine, After Dinner Coffee.

Lamps and Fixtures: Student Lamps, Gas Drop Lights, Lamps, Wicks, Burners, Shades.

Bric-a-Brac

The largest and most beautiful stock of novelties and Bric-a-Brac in the county.

Space will not allow us to mention the many hundred more articles, both useful and beautiful, which fill our tables and shelves; suffice it to say if we haven't what you want you'll not likely find it in Western Pennsylvania. Our line of Cut Glass and China is a show worth going miles to see—come and see it.

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A new plan to be inaugurated by this company January 1, 1904—

Every landlord whose property is in our hands will receive a check for his rents in advance on the first day of each month—

If the tenant is not prompt

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And for this service we charge simply the usual commissions—

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Seal Jackets in stock and to order—

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Baum Marten Sets—$79 up.

Sable Squirrel Sets—

(New Fur this year—$40.)

Chinchilla Sets, Xmas special.

Flat Muff and Handsome Scarf, $46.

Misses' and Children's Sets of every description.

Sable and Isabella Scarfs (Two large natural brush tails)

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Everything in Ladies' trimmed hats at half and less.

MEN'S WEAR.

Knox's Silk Hats—

Knox's Stiff Hats—

Knox's Opera Hats—

Our own Stiff Hats at $3 and $4.

Men's Walking Sticks.

Rain Coats for men, especially suitable for young men home from college, $9, $12, $18 and $22.

Leather Hat Trunks for Silk and Opera Hats, $5 and up—

Our Special Kid Walking Gloves, $1.50.

Fur and Lamb's Wool Lined Winter Gloves for men, $1.50 to $18.

Coachmen's Fur Caps, Gloves, Collars and Fur Capes of every description, and Coachmen's Silk and Felt Hats for dress and undress occasions—

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A pretty box of dainty note paper stamped with monogram, family seal, etc., finds its way, Christmas morning, among a young woman's most welcome gifts—

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These charming tokens of regard are almost indispensable—They are especially befitting where expensive gifts are inappropriate—

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(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.)

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The crews of the packet lines which have been operating out of this port have been paid off, and all went home to await a freshet and resumption of business. Ice gorges are reported at Ripley and at the mouth of Eagle creek, near Madison. The ice which was passing here today was very heavy and sluggish. Some skare ice has been formed on both sides. The Ohio and Mississippi Railway 89 weekly earnings statements free. Enclose self-addressed envelope for particulars. Guarantee Co., No. W. 152, Ninth st., Philadelphia, Pa.

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KENNETT PLACE, 3001, Oakland—Three completely furnished rooms, light housekeeping; all conveniences.

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WARD ST., 3406—First floor front; conveniences; lady or married couple.

WHITFIELD ST., 5026—Large alcove front room, every convenience; near all cars.

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ALLEGHENY AVE., 1318—Comfortably furnished rooms; every convenience; splendid location.

ARCH ST., 1206—Two connecting furnished rooms, with board; all conveniences; near North ave.

ARCH ST., 1215—Furnished front room with alcove; all conveniences. Charles st. car.

ARCH ST., 606—Partly furnished rooms, suitable for offices.

ARCH ST., 660, large furnished front room suitable for two gentlemen; all conveniences.

ARCH ST., 518—Large furnished room for two or three gentlemen; all conveniences; 'phone.

ARCH ST., 810—Nicely furnished rooms, suitable for three gentlemen; all conveniences.

ARCH ST., 1403—Second-story front room, bath, heat, gas.

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FEDERAL ST., 826—Newly furnished room, second floor, bath, gases, steam heat.

FRANKLIN ST., 1318, cheerful furnished parlor, gas, bath; board if desired.

FRANKLIN ST., 1427, two furnished rooms, one with alcove; all conveniences.

FREMONT ST., 1617—Furnished room suitable for couple or two gentlemen; conveniences.

GRANT AVE., 1014—Three furnished rooms, two for housekeeping; conveniences; Western ave. car.

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JACKSON ST., 212—Two connecting furnished rooms; steam heat; bath, gases, etc.

JAMES ST., 1203—Desirable furnished; gas; near North ave.

JEFFERSON, EAST, 124—Three well-furnished rooms for light housekeeping; every convenience.

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MONTGOMERY AVE., 301, cor. Sandusky—Neatly furnished room, all conveniences, facing park.

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PERRYSVILLE AVE., 3004—Second-story furnished room; all conveniences; Perrysville car.

PUMP ALLEY, 3 (between Arch and Race)—Newly furnished front room; all conveniences; $10 month.

RACE ST., 1324—Two neatly furnished rooms for housekeeping; conveniences; near Sampson st.

RIDGE AVE., 817—Furnished rooms, $1.50 up, conveniences; near park.

SAMPSON ST., 111—Desirable furnished front room; bath, gases, etc. Charles St car.

SEDGWICK ST., 1525 (near Franklin) Furnished front room for gentlemen; $10 month.

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WASHINGTON AVE., 648—Two alcove rooms, furnished or unfurnished, for light housekeeping, second floor.

WASHINGTON ST., 68, Allegheny—Newly furnished front room, gases, electric light, bath; Bell telephone; rent reasonable.

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Allegheny.

W. NORTH AVE., 412—Two elegantly furnished rooms, four squares from Federal st.

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WEST ERIE ST., 14—Newly furnished rooms, all conveniences; near Federal.

WESTERN AVE., 617—Two furnished rooms, second floor, all conveniences, bath, gas.

WESTERN AVE., 646—Newly furnished room; complete for housekeeping; all conveniences; Western ave. car.

WESTERN AVE., 821—Elegantly furnished rooms, all conveniences; close to park.

WESTERN AVE., 910, elegantly furnished parlor room, suitable for two ladies employed.

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FOR RENT—UNFURNISHED ROOMS.

City and Suburban.

BAXTER ST., 7720—Three unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping; conveniences.

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East End.

MT. VERNON ST. 7106—Two large unfurnished rooms; every convenience.

PRINCETON PLACE, 340—Two or three connected rooms, unfurnished; all modern conveniences.

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Allegheny.

ALPINE AVE.—Two unfurnished rooms, parlor and kitchen. Inquire 906 Arch st.

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PERRYSVILLE AVE., 3725—Three unfurnished rooms, 86th gas; couple without children.

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FOR RENT—Dwellings centrally located: 1628 Webster ave., 4 rooms, $15 per mo. 9 Rock st., 4 rooms, $9 per month. SEE COMMONWEALTH REAL ESTATE & TRUST CO., 327-329 Fourth ave.

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Prospect st.—Frame, 5 rooms, water, gas; rent $10.

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Send card for list of houses and apartments for rent and map of East End, free.

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FIFTH AVENUE STOREROOM FOR RENT—Store room, 20x70 feet, suitable for wholesale or retail drygoods business; possession $21 30 per month. Also store at 1031 Fifth ave., near Washington st.; possession July 1st $1,500 per year. REAL ESTATE TRUST CO., 311 Fourth ave.

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FOR RENT—$10—Best desk room offer in Pittsburgh; call for particulars. HOME TRUST BUILDING, 541 Wood st.

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For Rent—Near court house. Heavy building, 4 large rooms, entrance 50 feet. Steam heat, good basement and 20 rooms, all in good condition; electric elevator; this can be made one of the best stands in the city for a hotel; anyone wanting to go into the hotel business will go well to communicate with us; rent $5,000 per year.

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Basement—2,096 square feet; first, fourth and fifth floors, 2,400 square feet each; passenger and freight elevator service; steam heat.

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Elegantly equipped apartments in "Morlin," corner of Fulton and Fleming aves., Allegheny, in the refined Calhoun-ave. district. Possession December 1.

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FOR SALE—$4,500; two cash, balance $25 per month; street paved; offer in Pittsburgh; a fine new 8-room brick, on a fine paved street, worth $5,500, offered at $4,500 on above easy terms; note what you get—hardwood reception hall, sliding doors, hardwood cabinet mantels and tile hearths, enameled cellar, laundry tubs and h. and c. water, furnace, chandeliers, gas range, bath room with bath, nickle closet and wash basin, two-story bay-window front and rear porches, cement sidewalks; fine level lot 22x80 feet; neatly graded and sodded; this house constructed with built of best material and workmanship; fine neighborhood; best offer for in Pittsburgh.

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WE HAVE a nice house, 5 rooms and bath, at West Pittsburgh (only 15 minutes by electric car from Fourth ave.); price $1,800; $600 to $800 cash, balance $25 per month.

WEST PITTSBURGH IMPROVEMENT CO., 427 Fourth ave., Room 208.

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A very substantial 5-room solid brick house, on South Negley ave., near Fifth ave.; house has modern bathroom, furnace, etc., and stands on a lot 55 feet front on the corner of a nice paved street. The owner has taken a fine offer for sales, is worth over $8,000. We can sell you this property for $6,100 on easy terms.

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Kenwood avenue, near Perrysville avenue; lot 24x115 feet; lot in same square sold for $825, owner must have $400 cash; a sacrificing.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Vacant lots fronting our boulevard in the Squirrel Hill district. Lot No. 1 feet at $75 per foot; lot 150x120 feet at $75 per foot; lot 150x125 feet at $67 per foot. Will sell these lots or exchange for equity in good rental property.

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A farm on the new Charleroi electric line, near Library; can be platted and from 150 to 200 feet to road; owner has contract and agreement with gas company to lay pipes along alleys or streets to supply natural gas; high ground, fine views and the best of water; will sell cheap; within easy reach of the car line; reason for selling, owner needs money; this offer holds good for a few days only. See R. W. A. Simmons, No. 318 Lewis block.

SEND for free illustrated Ohio farm list. Neill & Entwisle, Oakmont, Pa.

Real Estate—Special.

BE INDEPENDENT—Buy a farm; we have a large list. 606 Hamilton bldg.

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FOR SALE—Out edge acreage in a whole or half interest; to a syndicate selling at $900 to $500. Address Box 224, Rochester st., Conway.

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J. & LEVY & CO.,

POOL ROOM—Five new tables in good town, close to the city; nothing for the owner $25 per week; price $1,100; this is a snap of an investment.

411 Ferguson Bldg., 320 Fourth ave.

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Partner and $1,000 in cash to take large interests in West Virginia, and will sacrifice his half interest in one of the best real estate firms in the city; established two years. Address Box 655, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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BUSINESS of all kinds bought and sold; partners wanted for all kinds of profitable, etc.; all transactions strictly confidential.

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FOR SALE—200 shares Pure Oil Co. stock, at right figure; first fifty cents a share ($8.00 if quick. Address OIL, NEWELL'S HOTEL, PITTSBURGH, PA.

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CARTER'S SEWING MACHINE CO., General Agents for the New, Light-Running NEW HOME, WHEELER & WILSON, NEW ARLINGTON and NEW ELASTIC (Shuttle.) We have other makes. First-class. Warranted.

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I will sell my mandolin at more than cost if sold this week. Also includes a term of 20 lessons with competent teacher.

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2—72"x16' Horizontal 4" tubes.
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100-80-60-50-40-30-25-20-15 horse power.
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We can furnish new horizontal tubular or water tube boilers of any size.

Also Engines of all kinds.

WICKES BROTHERS, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Both 'Phones. Warehouses
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FOR SALE—Boilers and engines, all sizes, from 5 to 100 horsepower; vertical and portable upright boilers and engines; large assortment kept in stock; shafting, pulleys and hangers, and large list of miscellaneous machinery; second-hand belting, leather and rubber; large stock of all sizes at low prices. Catalogues of all kinds bought and exchanged.

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THE FAIRBANKS CO.,
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2—2 h. p.; 1—4 h. p.; 1—6 h. p., second-hand Horizontal and Upright.
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Single double drum, with boiler.
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Derricks and machinery.
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BEAUTIFUL mahogany upright piano, used only six months, for $145; fully warranted. Cost $300 when original new; $20 cash, $5 per month. Here's your chance to buy a fine piano for Christmas at an exceptional bargain.

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IF YOU WANT THE BEST 2-ALL MULES, 16½ consistently handled, call at FIELD-STEIN-MILLER'S SALE STABLES, 219 Second ave.

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FOR SALE—One second hand belt power passenger elevator, all in good condition; can be seen in operation at our factory; everything to be torn down; a bargain. Seeler Elevator Co., Fountain st., Pittsburgh.

$5,000 CASH.

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CHEAPEST PLACE to buy toilet sets. Upstairs in Diamond Market.

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Moles, warts, blackheads, etc., destroyed forever without pain or scar; 15 years' experience; consultation free. Call or address HARRY M. GILMORE, 600 Bijou Building, Pittsburgh.

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CLAIRVOYANT READINGS—Any person in trouble consult Lynch, 528 Isabella st., Allegheny.

H. C. KNAPP, commercial job printer, 3321 Butler st., both telephones.

MONEY saving in buying your piano at HOFFMANN'S, 537 Smithfield st.

DISSOLUTION NOTICES.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Frank C. Smith and Lee W. Smith under the firm name of Home & Smith, was, on the 21st day of November, 1903, dissolved by mutual consent. All debts owing to said partnership are payable to F. C. Smith, No. 4140 Liberty ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., to whom also all claims and demands against the same from of Home & Smith are to be presented for payment.

E. C. HOWE, LEE W. SMITH.

DIVIDENDS.

Mechanics Savings & Trust Co., 1410-1412 Fifth Ave.

DIVIDEND—The directors of this company have declared a dividend of ONE AND ONE-HALF (1½) PER CENT, out of the net profits earned during the quarter ending December 31, 1903, payable January 1, 1904.

W. H. LAIRD, Treas.

A. W. FRYE, Secretary-Treasurer.

DIVIDEND—Notice is hereby given that the Raleigh Oil Company will pay a quarterly dividend of THREE-FOURTHS (¾) OF ONE PER CENT (¾ PER CENT), on its capital stock, payable at the office of the treasurer, 437 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dec. 14, 1903.

DANCING ACADEMIES.

JAMES P. BROOKS' Dancing Academy, 1010 Penn ave. Beginners' classes Mondays and Fridays. Advanced class, Thursday evenings.

RESTAURANTS.

BOHEMIAN CAFE, 242 Diamond st. Italian Meals a Specialty. 25c—Merchant's Lunch—25c BOHEMIAN CAFE, 238 Diamonds st.

DETECTIVE AGENCY.

M'SWEENEY Interstate Detective Agency, 427 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa., transacts a general detective business; all communications treated strictly confidential.

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MONEY loaned, 6 per cent, second mortgages and bets to estates. P. O. Box 1018.

WE LIKE 15 per cent cash bonus. Has financial wd. W. J. BLACK, Tradesmens Building.

LOST.

DIVIDEND WAS PASSED ON CRUCIBLE PREFERRED

The Action Seemed to Have Affected the Eastern Market, Which Closed Near the Lowest. Pittsburgh Coal Preferred Declined.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

The directors of the Crucible Steel Company yesterday passed the quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock. This action was generally anticipated in Pittsburgh, but the news was immediately wired to Wall street by several local brokerage houses, and as much as the eastern market at once turned weak, the inference was that the local event was at least partly responsible. Just now the condition of the iron and steel trade is receiving much attention, in both financial and industrial circles, and any straw that indicates the way the wind is blowing is seized upon by the speculative community. The latter seems to be committed to the "bear" side, for the announcement of an initial dividend on the common stock of the American Smelting & Refining Company had no strengthening effect, even upon the stock most directly concerned.

The eastern stock market opened firm, with large fractional advances in some of the specialties. Amalgamated Copper was for a time the leader of the industrials, and advanced steadily from 47⅜ to 49. So the railroad list Union Pacific and Southern Pacific were the strongest features, the former advancing to 70¼, and the latter to 46½. The statement of the Baltimore & Ohio for November, showing a decrease in gross earnings of $280,000, but a decrease in net of $171,000, was in line with current reports that the industrial reaction is reaching the railroads, but it had no effect upon Baltimore & Ohio stock. The latter opened firmer at 104¼ and advanced to 104¾.

U. S. Steel preferred and Pennsylvania, which have been the market leaders for some time past, and which are now looked upon as pivotal stocks, were less active than for some time past. Steel preferred opened a half point higher at 84 and advanced to 84¾, and the common was a fraction higher at 10⅝. The new bonds fluctuated within narrow limits, opening at 60¾ and advancing to 60¾. Pennsylvania was strong, opening at 117¾ and advancing to 118. The other members of this group were moderately active and firm, and Erie advanced to 30¾. During the middle part of the day the market held dull but firm. Later in the session, however, when the action of the Crucible directors was announced, there was a weakening of the market under the lead of U. S. Steel preferred, which declined 1¾ per cent to 82½, closing at 83¾. Accompanying the decline there was a great deal of talk as to the action that might be taken at the meeting tomorrow in relation to the price of Brooklyn Rapid Transit. The announcement that notices had been posted in the Connellsville region making a 17 per cent cut in the wages of coke workers received little attention, although it was another indication of the efforts being made to reduce cost of production. The rest of the market followed the declining tendency in Steel preferred. Smelting common broke from 50⅛ to 48¾ after the announcement of the dividend on that stock, and Amalgamated Copper lost nearly all its early gain by declining to 47¾. Pennsylvania sold off a point to 117, and the rest of the railroad list declined ½ to 1 per cent. The close was only fractionally above the lowest of the day. The sales were 564,600 shares.

The call loan rates ruled steady at 5@5½ per cent during most of the day, but just before the close advanced to 6 per cent. About the same time there was a slight advance in sterling exchange rates, but the latter are still at the gold importing point, and another small engagement of the metal was reported from London. The currency movement included the announcement of $800,000 shipped from San Francisco to New York and the transfer of $100,000 from New York to New Orleans.

The largest dealings on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were in Pittsburgh Coal preferred, which sold down from 69¾ to 59¾, the latter the lowest price since the organization of the company. The common stock was not quoted all day. River Coal preferred rallied a half point to 29 and closed at that price bid. There was no news relating to the coal trade except a dispatch from Cleveland, which stated that a conference of operators had been held in that city, at which the subject of a cut in prices to manufacturers was under discussion, but that no conclusion was reached. Crucible Steel preferred opened at 80 and held fairly steady around that price until the official action of the directors on the dividend became known. The stock then sold off to 78½, the previous low price touched last October, when the directors formally stated that it might become necessary to suspend dividends. This statement had prepared the public for the action taken yesterday, and there was no pressure to sell on the decline. Westinghouse Electric was fairly active and firm in opening higher at 78¾ and advanced to 78¾, but subsequently reached 77¾ and closed at 77⅞. Manufacturers Light & Heat advanced to 50 and later reacted to 49½. The final sale on U. S. Steel preferred was at 84, but the stock was subsequently offered down, and closed at 82¾@83. There was nothing doing in bonds.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

The sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday foot up 3,030 shares, as follows:

10 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

10	Pgh Coal pfd	59¾	100	U. S. Steel pfd	84
10	do	59¾	10	Crucible pfd	80
20	do	59¾	15	Ohio Fuel	37
25	do	59¾	50	Crucible	44
25	do	59¾	15	do	44½
50	do	59¾	10	do	44¾
50	do	59¾	20	Electric 25s	78¾
200	do	59½	10	do	78¾
50	do	59½	100	do	78¾
100	U. S. Steel	10⅝	10	do	78¾

10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

25	Electric 25s	78¾	10	Elec Welding	78¾
25	do	78¾	10	Pgh Coal pfd	78¾
10	do	78¾	15	M. L. & H.	50
10	do	78¾	10	Pgh Coal	59¾
50	do	78¾	78	do	59¾
40	do	78¾	1	do	59¾
20	do	78¾	5	do	59¾
20	do	78¾	10	U. S. Steel pfd	84
30	do	78¾	100	do	84¼
20	do	78¾	25	do	84
5	do	78¾	8	Crucible pfd	80
15	Crucible	45	15	do	80
10	do	44	10	U. S. Steel	10⅜

12:30 P. M. to 2 P. M.

10	Elec Coal pfd	29	10	Electric 25s	78
10	Electric 25s	78¾	65	Pgh Coal pfd	59¾
5	do	78¾	100	Crucible pfd	80¾
15	do	78	50	do	79¾
20	do	78	50	do	79¾

2 P. M. to 3 P. M.

100	M. L. & H.	50¾	100	Crucible pfd	78½
10	do	50¾	7	Electric 25s	78
10	do	50¾	10	Electric 25s	78
14	do	50½	20	do	78
2	do	50½	15	do	77¾
20	Crucible pfd	79½	25	do	78¼
5	do	79	1	do	78¼
25	do	79	50	do	78¼
20	do	78¾	50	Pgh Coal pfd	59¾
80	do	78¾	50	do	59¾
100	do	78¾			

Summary.

Shares.		High.	Low.	Last Sale.	Chge.
100	Crucible Steel	44	43	44	0
548	Do preferred	85	82½	82¾	—1½
10	Fire Proofing	25	25	25	0
281	M. L. & H.	50	49½	50	—¼
15	Ohio Fuel	37	37	37	0
830	Pgh Coal pfd	59¾	59¾	59¾	—¼
20	River Coal pfd	29	28½	29	+½
1,010	U. S. Steel	10⅝	10⅜	10⅝	+⅛
595	Do preferred	84¾	84	84	—¾
7	W. Elec. Inst.	78	78	78	—2
669	Do 25s	78¾	77½	77⅞	+¾
3030					

Closing Bids and Offers.

STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Manufacturers Light & Heat	50	49½	....
Ohio Fuel Supply	25	37	....
Lister Mining	10	9	10
Elgin and Valley Traction	25	26½	....
Westinghouse Electric 2d pfd	50	77½	77¾
Crucible Steel	100	44¾	44¾
Do preferred	100	84	84¼
Monongahela River Coal	50	....	50
Do preferred	50	29	....
Marsden	100	27½	28½
National Fire Proofing	50	7	7½
Do preferred	50	25	26½
Philadelphia Co.	50	27½	....
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	23½	25½
Pittsburgh Coal pfd	100	59¾	59¾
United States Steel	100	....	10⅝
Do preferred	100	83¾	84
Westinghouse Air Brake	50	180	182

BONDS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
B., K. & A. Traction 6s	....	115	....
Pgh. McK. & Conn. 1st 5s	....	92½	....
Consolidated Gas 7s	100	....	108½
Edison	....	....	111¾
Philadelphia Co. 5s	....	100	....
Pittsburgh Brewing 6s	....	113	115½

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Few people in Pittsburgh felt that any dividend would be declared on Crucible Steel preferred for the past quarter and when the directors yesterday passed a resolution "That it is the sense of the board of directors of this company that the interests of the stockholders would be best conserved by deciding to declare no dividend at this time," the matter aroused little comment. Just before the close of the market the stock declined to 78½, its previous low price. The selling was thought to represent liquidation by persons who had held on hoping that a reduced rate of dividend would be declared, although as stated the general public did not look for anything after the announcement of the directors last October that it might become necessary to suspend dividends. This statement had prepared the public for the action taken yesterday, and there was no pressure to sell on the decline. Westinghouse Electric was fairly active and firm in opening higher at 78¾ and advanced to 78¾, but subsequently reached 77¾ and closed at 77⅞. Manufacturers Light & Heat advanced to 50 and later reacted to 49½. The final sale on U. S. Steel preferred was at 84, but the stock was subsequently offered down, and closed at 82¾@83. There was nothing doing in bonds.

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges were $6,568,073, a decrease of $3,019,000.

Dividend on Crucible Steel preferred passed and the stock declined to 28¼.

Pittsburgh Coal preferred declined to 59¾, the lowest price ever quoted.

Westinghouse Electric advanced to 78¾ and reacted to 77¾.

Sales on the stock exchange foot up only 3,030 shares.

Bank of Pittsburgh stockholders vote to double the capital stock.

IN WALL STREET.

Market generally ruled dull and at times was practically idle.

Amalgamated Copper led in point of activity on strength in London market.

Steel preferred advanced early, but late reaction forced close below Monday's level.

Considerable decrease in net earnings for Baltimore & Ohio was an influence on the side of reaction.

Sterling exchange developed strong tone owing to engagements of gold in London for import.

Bonds were dull and steady, total sales being $1,780,000 (par value).

yesterday declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, and an initial dividend of 1¼ per cent quarterly on the common.

The directors of the Merchants Savings and Trust Company yesterday declared a dividend of 1½ per cent out of the earnings of the past three months, to stockholders of record December 20, 1903, payable January 1. The Merchants is a new institution in the outer Fifth avenue district, just one year old. The earnings for the first year over expenses were sufficient to assure a permanent 6 per cent dividend basis, and almost an equal amount to add to the surplus fund. The stockholders and management are to be congratulated upon this great success in a new and rapidly growing business. W. M. Laird is president and A. W. Frye secretary and treasurer of the company.

The Mount Washington Savings & Trust Company and the Federal National bank are clearing through the Farmers Deposit National bank.

The Peoples Natural Gas & Pipeage Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent, payable January 20, to stock of record January 15.

The Ralston Oil Company has declared its 64th dividend of three-fourths of 1 per cent, payable forthwith.

The foreign exchange market during the last month has been very active, but it would be impossible for the fact that the demand for gold for import forced the price of bar gold in the London market to 78 shillings 10 pence. This time for five years for bar gold in the open London market recorded for any record for bankers' demand sterling, which sold as low as $4.86 not only have there been records established in the speculation in the foreign exchange market that been the longest ever known. The present depression has continued for five weeks, during which period the rate for bankers' demand sterling has only once or twice reached $4.84, and for most of the time has sold below $4.85. Because of this depression is largely the enormous exports of cotton at high prices during the last three months. The cotton exports during November were valued at $68,000,000, nearly twice as much as the value of cotton exported in November, 1902. The future of the foreign exchange market depends upon the cotton movement. If cotton exports fall off foreign bills will be offered in large volume, imports continue large there cannot be any large advance in foreign exchange rates, as usually occurs in December.

Amalgamated Copper led the market in point of activity, with sales of 80,400 shares. The strength and activity of the London market yesterday exhibited the influence of the large buying and copper securities in other markets sympathized with the movement.

An Associated Press dispatch said: The report of the passing of the dividend on Crucible Steel preferred was an influence on United States Steel preferred although that company has recently succeeded in the matter of troubles peculiar to itself. The pending meetings of the directors of the various steel pools were subject of interested surmise and information of their probable action on the subject of maintaining present prices now declared to be firm. Rumor heard of an intended cut in the price of steel rails and of difficulty in holding the pool together which may have helped the weakness of United States Steel preferred.

The speculative element seemed to have put aside any misgivings over the Northern Securities case and it was noted that this court decision might serve to define the legal limitations under which the purposes of the merger could be accomplished and so clear up the present unstable condition of the market.

The extraordinary showing of the country's foreign trade for November was signalized with satisfaction. The figures showed with an increase in value of exports over last year of $85,000,000 and a decrease in value of imports of $10,000,000, the powerful control of the trade balance in favor of New York is made clear.

NEWS FROM THE MINES.

The Queen Bee mine, the property of the Cascade Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, has struck a pay streak in its tunnel carrying values of $100 a ton.

The Rambler-Cariboo, located near Sandon, B. C., has made a strike on the 700-foot level of 2½ feet of ore running from 150 to 200 ounces of silver.

The Kellogg tunnel, near Warder, Idaho, is two miles long and shows a maximum depth of 3,000 feet. It exposes the Bunker Hill and Sullivan at about a distance of 1,400 feet.

The White Bear Company, of the Rossland, B. C. camp, has placed an order for a 100-ton concentrator.

The Little Chief expects to get under its rich ore shoot some time this month. It is confident that they will then have one of the richest strikes recorded in the Mulan, Idaho, camp. The ore now runs 2½ per cent on the surface, and to be unexcelled in the district. Bearing in places over $1,000 per ton. The property parallels the Gold Hunter for 3,000 feet and is 600 feet to the south. Michigan iron men are among the principal owners.

Within the store rooms of the Sacramento Mining Company at Mercur there is now piled [illegible] 2,000 casks of goldsilver of the value of about $18,000.

What is thought to be the most important strike made in the Alma district within the past year was struck on the 1,100-foot level of the Moose mine last week. The lucky shot that broke into the ore threw out several hundred pounds of the rich sulphurets that made the Moose and Doctor famous in the early days of the camp, when the output of the two properties aggregated $3,000,000. Samples of the new strike were brought to Alma and assayed, the results being from $100 to $1,000 per ton. Excitement ran high over the news of the strike and the announcement of the rich values in the ore. Ex-senator James Moynahan, who, with associates, is actively engaged in the development of the Moose, Silver Gem, Powderly and Guiness Pit mines on the same mountain, predicts that 200 men will be employed at work on Cameron Mt. Ross on the strength of the strike alone by midsummer.

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—There was a renewal of speculative activity in the London tin market today, and prices there advanced £2 17s 6d to £127 and spot £125 5s for cash. Trade is said by the "Mining Journal" to be fairly active, reflecting the foreign advance, with most showing about 50 points higher at 27 9@27 10. The London copper market was 2s 6d higher at £77 for spot and £79 12s 6d for futures. Locally copper was quiet but steady, with lake quoted at 12 50@12 62½, electrolytic at 12 25@12 50, and casting, 12 12½@12 37½. Lead was 1s 3d higher in London at £13 6s at which it was the latter but unchanged, at 4 37½ for small lots and 4 25 for car lots. Spelter advanced 2s 6d at London to £21 10s, but was nominally unchanged, 5.25@5.35 here. Iron was also unchanged at 48s 9d in Glasgow, but declined 6s to 41s 6d in Middlesboro. Locally iron seems to be a little easier on the whole, owing to a slackening in demand. Prices, however, are nominally unchanged, with No. 1 foundry, northern, quoted at $15 (one 16.00; No. 2 foundry, northern, $14 00@15.00; No. 2 foundry, southern, $13 50@14 00; No. 1 foundry, southern soft, at $15 50@14 00.

PITTSBURGH INDUSTRIAL EXCHANGE.

Sales—11 shares Marconi Wireless (full share) at $45; 385 shares Decatur at 50c.

Closing quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
Black Diamond Copper Co.	2.15	2.17
California King Gold	.90	.95
Cons. Mercur, Utah	.70	.85
Dakota-Calumet G. M. Co.	.20	.50
De Kalb Pipe	9.75	10.50
Daly-West	35.00	38.25
Decatur Copper Co.	.50	.60
Gt. Western, Redbourn	.05	.08
Hidden Treasure	.25	.30
Mina La Motte, L. & S.	7.75	8.50
Par Value G. M. Co.	.08	.10
Pittsburgh & Montana	41.00	45.00
Pittsburgh M. Co.	.75	.80
Treadwell, Geo. A.	5.50	7.00
Twentieth Century, Ont.	7.00	9.00
Viznaga G. M. Co.	6½	7
Wolf Tongue	6½	7
Empire State O. & R.	64½	.66
Ohio & Ind. Oil (pfd.)	50	60½
Union Cork Co.	10	15
Marconi Wireless (full shares)	43.00	45.00

Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close. Bids.
Adventure	2	2	2	2
Arcadian	80¾	80¾	80¾	80¾
Bingham	27	27½		27
Bingham				50
Calumet & Arizona	103			103
Calumet & Hecla				675
Calumet & Corbin				17
Centennial	18½	18½	18½	18
Calumet & Tah	42	42½	42	42
Junction Dev. Co.		19		19
Mass. Gas. Pref.	95	95		95
Michigan	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾
Osceola	89	90	88	89
Parrot	25	25		25
Quincy	79	79		79
Pgh. Dev. Co.	20	20		20
Range Consolidated	47½	48¾	46	48
Utah	30	30½	29½	30
Utah & Minlow	18½	18½	18½	18
Victoria	2	2	2	2

*Bid. †Ask.

New York Mining Stocks.

Adams Con.	.10	Little Chief	.07
Alice	.14	Ontario	.90
Brunswick Con.	.03½	Ophir	.78
Comstock Tunnel	.04	Phoenix	.14
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.60	Potosi	.14
Horn Silver	1.05	Savage	.85
Iron Silver	1.60	Sierra Nevada	.45
Leadville Con.	.02	Small Hopes	.15
		Standard	3.50

*Offered.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The local money market remained steady and unchanged as to per cent on call and time loans, clearing house certificates:

	Balances.	Clearings.
Yesterday	$2,058,971 50	$ 170,751 84
Last week	9,997,547 08	1,174,086 49
Last year	9,997,547 08	1,461,262 05

Foreign Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Money, 2½@3 per cent; the rate of discount for short bills is 2½@3⅛ per cent; the rate of discount for three months' bills is 2⅝@2¾ per cent; consols for account, 88⅛; rates for money, 2@2½ per cent; consols for money, 88 15-16; consols for account, 88⅛; rates for American railway securities, 4@4½ per cent. Supplies increased; dispatches were weak; operators on the stock exchange were swayed by the varying reports of the fair weather situation, but the market generally was fairly firm and quiet.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Trading on the bourse today was extremely quiet.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Prices generally on the bourse today were steady, but dull. Business and trading became inactive; in the afternoon the reports from New York caused lively speculation in Rio Tinto which gained 12 francs; the private rate of discount was 2 15-16 per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Today's statement of the treasury of the balances in the general fund exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, $238,117,880; gold, $117,207,841; silver, $7,485,312; United States notes, $5,556,075; treasury notes of 1890, $867,-845; national bank notes, $11,196,454; total receipts (fiscal year), $52,312,000; disbursements, this month, $21,771,195; total receipts this year, $336,861,078; total expenditures this day, $380,-000; total expenditures this month, $16,072,000; total expenditures this year, $286,227,000; deposits in national banks, $121,800,427.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call steady at 5@6 per cent; closing 5@5½ per cent; offered at 5½ per cent. Time loans steady; sixty days, 5@5½ per cent; ninety days, 5@5½ per cent; six months, 5@5¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86 for demand and at $4.82@4.82½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83 and $4.84½. Commercial bills, $4.80@4.80½. Silver certificates, 58½c. Mexican dollars, 41½c. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds steady.

Banks and Treasury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Total payment by government to New York banks for the day, $5,002,000; payment by banks to government for the day, $4,000; balance in the day's transactions, $2,168,000. Total by government to banks, total net payment by government to banks since Friday, $1,338,000; against, $1,649,000; total net loss to government for the current reporting period a week ago.

Foreign Exchange.

The Iron City Trust Company quotes checks as follows: Sterling 482.60, francs, 5.20.5; marks, 94.60; kroner (Austria), 99.50; Dutch guilders, 40.17; Swiss francs (Geneva), 5.20.5; Berlin, 94.60; guilders (Holland), 40.17; Swiss francs, 5.20; reichsmarks, 94.60; kroner (Austria), 99.50; Dutch guilders, 40.17; Swiss francs (Geneva), 5.20.5; Berlin, 94.60; guilders (Holland), 40.17; Swiss francs, 5.20; reichsmarks, 94.60; kroner (Scandinavia), 26.65; Hongkong (silver coin currency), 42; Manila (dollars), 50; Canadian, 1-64 discount.

COMPLETE RECORD NEW YORK STOCKS

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Fourth Savings Bank building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

ACTIVE LIST.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
11000	A., T. & S. F.	70	70½	69¾	70
1640	Do preferred	93	93	93	93
6700	Amer. Sugar	134	134½	133¾	134
2400	Am. Locomotive	37	37	36¾	36¾
1200	Amer. Car & Fdy.	35	35	34¾	34¾
100	Do preferred	90	90	90	90
	American Coal				
	Do preferred				
8000	Amer. Tobacco	93	93	92¾	92¾
1200	Am. Steel & Wire	64½	64½	64	64
	Do preferred	96	96	96	96
9000	Balto. & Ohio	104	104¾	103¾	104¾
100	Do preferred	90	90	90	90
2000	Brook. Rap. Tran.	69¾	70	69¾	70
1400	Canadian Pacific	155	155½	154½	155
300	Can. Car & Fdy.	35	35	35	35
1100	Consolidated Gas	194	194½	193½	194
1800	C., C., C. & St. L.	77½	77½	77	77
1200	Chesa. & Ohio	45	45¼	44¾	45
1800	Chicago & Alton	35	35	34½	34½
200	Colorado & So.	39	39	38¾	38¾
400	Con. Tob. & Fin.	39	39	38¾	38¾
	Do preferred	95	95	95	95
200	Colorado Southern	24	24	24	24
	Do 1st pfd	54	54	54	54
	Do 2d pfd	34	34	34	34
	Del. & Hudson	183	183	183	183
4400	Del. & Lack.	265	265½	264½	265
1000	Denver & Rio G.	37	37	36¾	36¾
	Do 1st pfd	90	90	90	90
8400	Do 2d pfd	76	76½	75¾	76
2000	Distillers Securities	44½	45	44½	45
1100	Illinois Central	144	144	143½	143½
1000	Int. Paper	13	13	13	13
1000	Do preferred	50	50	50	50
1700	Int. Pump	37	37	36¾	36¾
1200	Do preferred	93	93	93	93
1000	Iowa Central	24	24	24	24
	Do preferred	54	54	54	54
1000	Kansas & Texas	34	34	34	34
	Do preferred	90	90	90	90
1000	Kan. City Southern	34	34	34	34
	Do preferred	70	70	70	70
1000	Lake Erie & West.	34	34	34	34
	Do preferred	80	80	80	80
1000	Long Island	54	54	54	54
1000	Louisville & Nash.	134	134	133¾	133¾
1000	Manhattan	142	142	141½	141½
1000	Missouri Pacific	98	98	97¾	97¾
2000	M., K. & T.	28	28	27¾	27¾
1100	Metropolitan St.	134	134	133¾	133¾
	Mexican Central	19	19	19	19
1000	N. Y. Central	132	132	131¾	131¾
1000	N. Y., O. & W.	35	35	35	35
1000	N. Y., Sus. & W.	14	14	13¾	13¾
1000	Peoples Gas	104	104	103¾	103¾
200	Pressed Steel Car	45	45	45	45
	Do preferred	91	91	91	91
200	Republic Iron	34	34	34	34
4300	Reading	87½	87½	86¾	86¾
	Railway Springs	30	30	30	30
	Railway Steel	34	34	34	34
11000	Rubber	41½	41½	41	41
1000	Rock Island	27	27	26¾	26¾
4700	Do preferred	69	69	68¾	68¾
1000	Republic Iron	34	34	34	34
4300	Reading	87½	87½	86¾	86¾
500	St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	68	68	68	68
1000	Southern Railway	34	34	34	34
4600	Southern Railway	34	34	34	34
1000	Texas & Pacific	34	34	34	34
300	St. L. & S. F.	34	34	34	34
1000	Texas & Pacific	34	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34	34
1000	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	34	34	34	34
2000	Do preferred	34	34	34	34
1000	Tenn. Coal & Iron	34	34	34	34
100	Texas & Pacific	34	34	34	34
1000	Union Pacific	34	34	34	34
1000	Do preferred	34	34	34	34
1000	U. S. Rubber	34	34	34	34
1000	Do preferred	34	34	34	34
1000	U. S. Steel	34	34	34	34
1000	Do preferred	34	34	34	34
1000	Wabash	34	34	34	34
1000	Do preferred	34	34	34	34
1000	Western Union	34	34	34	34
1000	W. & L. E.	34	34	34	34
1000	Do 1st pfd	34	34	34	34
1000	Do 2d pfd	34	34	34	34
1000	Wisconsin Cent.	34	34	34	34
1000	Do preferred	34	34	34	34

INACTIVE LIST.

200	A. Nicks & Leath	32	32	32
100	Do preferred	92	92	92
100	Am. Woolen	25	25	25
100	Am. Steel Hoop	45	45	45
100	Am. Tin Plate	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	90	90	90
100	Cin. Gas & Elec.	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Cin. Ham. & Dayton	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Detroit Edison	34	34	34
100	Detroit Ry.	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Kan. City Southern	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Long Island	34	34	34
100	Mackay Co.	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Minn. & St. L.	34	34	34
100	Mo., K. & T.	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Nat. Biscuit	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Nat. Lead	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Nat. Salt	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Nevada Con.	34	34	34
100	Ontario	34	34	34
100	Pacific Coast	34	34	34
100	Do 1st pfd	34	34	34
100	Do 2d pfd	34	34	34
100	Pacific Mail	34	34	34
100	Pittsburgh	34	34	34
100	Pullman Co.	34	34	34
100	Quicksilver	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Sloss-Sheffield	34	34	34
100	Tennessee Coal	34	34	34
100	Texas Pacific	34	34	34
100	Union Bag & Paper	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	U. S. Leather	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	U. S. Reduction	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Va.-Carolina Chem.	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Wells-Fargo Express	34	34	34
100	Western Maryland	34	34	34
100	Do 2d pfd	34	34	34
100	Wheeling & L. E.	34	34	34
100	Do 1st pfd	34	34	34
100	Do 2d pfd	34	34	34
100	Wisconsin Cent.	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34
100	Wells-Fargo Express	34	34	34
100	Western Maryland	34	34	34
100	Do 2d pfd	34	34	34
100	Wheeling & L. E.	34	34	34
100	Do 1st pfd	34	34	34
100	Do 2d pfd	34	34	34
100	Wisconsin Cent.	34	34	34
100	Do preferred	34	34	34

CLOSING PRICE NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. reg. 2s, reg [illegible] | do coupon 4s [illegible] | do coupon [illegible]

New York Curb Stocks.

Amer. Electric	34	Internat. Salt	34
Amer. Ice Sec.	34	Manhattan Trans.	34
Amer. Milling	77	Mon. & Bos. Cop.	34
American Tin Can	34	Nat. Carbon	34
Do pfd	34	New Orleans Elec.	34
Bell Telephone	34	Do preferred	34
Buffalo, Rochester & Pitts.	34	Do preferred	34
Buffalo Forge	34	Do preferred	34
Central Foundry	34	Do preferred	34
Do preferred	34	Standard Oil Trust	34
Electric Boat	34	Tennessee Coal Prop.	34
Do preferred	34	Do preferred	34
Electric Storage	34	Texas Co.	34
Do preferred	34	Trust Co. Certificates	34
Empire Steel & Iron	34	Trust Co. of America	34
Federal Oil	34	Union Typewriter	34
Do preferred	34	Do preferred	34
Federal Sugar Ref.	34	Westinghouse Air Brake	34
Federal Sugar Ref.	34	Westinghouse Elec. Co.	34
Gen. Chemical	34	Do preferred	34
Do preferred	34	Western Steel	34
Gen. Electric	34	Do preferred	34
Havana Commercial	34	Wilson Packing	34
Do preferred	34	Do preferred	34
Hocking Valley	34	Woolworth Co.	34
Do preferred	34	Do preferred	34
Illinois Steel	34	Yukon Gold Co.	34
Intercontinental Rub.	34	Yukon Iron	34

Philadelphia Closing Bids.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

Welsbach Co.	19	Penna. Steel pfd.	73

ALLEGHENY CORNER SOLD FOR $27,500

John Bindley Purchases Old Banner Mill Property in Fourth Ward.

BOOM ON WILKINSBURG ST.

The old Banner mill property in the Fourth ward, Allegheny, has been purchased by John Bindley for $27,500 through the medium of the Real Estate Trust Company. E. M. Ferguson had owned the property for some time, and several times last year it was reported sold, but no deal was ever consummated. The property consists of a four-story brick factory on lot fronting 135 feet in Main street and 100 feet in Sycamore street, being at the northwest corner of these thoroughfares. The J. T. Heinz Company has extensive holdings on the southeast and southwest corners of the same streets, and their big plant is only two squares away. M. Streng & Sons have a long lease on the Banner property, and it is said no change will be made at present. This is the first sale of consequence in the Fourth ward for months, with the exception of small purchases by the Heinz Company interests.

Many Buildings for Penn Avenue.

Another first-class store and apartment building is likely to be erected next year in Penn avenue, Wilkinsburg. It will be known as the Bennett-Meacham building and will stand between Coal street and Swissvale avenue. Plans have already been prepared for a four-story structure that will cost at least $40,000. It is also reported that Leopold Vilsack is arranging to build an apartment house on his property at the northeast corner of Penn avenue and Coal street, whereon two buildings and the three-story addition that is to be put on the Wallace block, now owned by A. J. Puffinburg, at Penn avenue and Wood street, mark the status of a series of improvements that have added much to the value of Penn avenue property within a year. The new Jackson building, a three-story apartment house, at Penn avenue and Center streets is estimated to cost $25,000. The Stager flats and store rooms on the south side of Penn avenue, between Center and Wood streets, have just been started, and will cost $18,000. The date of A. A. Quinette, between Mill and Center streets will cost, when completed, $30,000. The Schmitt building, between Center and Seventh streets was built last year at a cost of $10,000, and the Sperling apartments, between Coal street and Swissvale avenue, completed six months ago, cost $30,000. Quite a few cozy apartment flats on Penn avenue between Wood street and Swissvale avenue was occupied by tumble-down buildings and was known only as a part of the Greensburg pike. Property-owners have been buying for $100 a foot, while it costs now from $500 to $600 a front foot.

Latest Building Projects.

The Presbyterian hospital board has commissioned Architect J. L. Beatty to prepare plans for a series of buildings to be erected on their new site, the old Barrett property, at Sherman and Montgomery avenues, Allegheny. The estimated cost is $500,000. The same architect has plans for a one-story clubhouse at Slippery Rock for the Rainmakers club.

Joseph Rinder is preparing to erect a four-story brick and stone apartment house in Western avenue, Allegheny, from plans by Architect Thomas H. Scott. It will cost about $30,000.

Plans for the new building to be erected by the Bellevue Hospital association are being drawn by Architect S. C. Irwin of Avalon. The building and fixtures are expected to cost $100,000.

Architect F. J. Osterling has plans for a building for the Holy Family Catholic church of Latrobe to cost $60,000.

The Ohio Sand and Stone Company is preparing to build a $75,000 brick and cement manufacturing plant in this city from plans by Frank Pelkel.

Architect Charles W. Bier has plans for a new plant for Conrey, Prugh & Co. of Allegheny, whose old plant was badly damaged by fire.

Two Bank Properties for Sale.

It would not be strange if two large Fourth avenue deals were consummated soon after the first of the year, the National bank and the Merchants & Manufacturers National bank. The former is at 232 and measures 30x85.6 feet and the latter, at 215-217, has a frontage of 60 feet and a depth of 85 feet. Both properties will be for sale as soon as the banks move into the quarters of the Bank of Pittsburgh, with which they have consolidated. The $700,000 for the Merchants & Manufacturers property has been named by some as a fair price. The last sale in this vicinity was that of the Apollo building, which brought $4,415 a front foot.

The probability of the Tradesmens National, the Columbia National and the Germania Savings banks returning to their old homes is likely to put at rest the numerous rumors that have been afloat in realty circles regarding the disposition of their properties. This is especially true of the Tradesmens building, which has been reported sold many times since the bank left it. A force of workmen have been busy all week cleaning the banking rooms and replacing the fixtures to make it ready for the bank if it decides to return.

Will Succeed His Brother.

John H. Gloninger, president of the firm of Gloninger & Co., firebrick manufacturers, has been elected a director of the Real Estate Trust Company, to succeed his brother, J. Leslie Gloninger, who died last week. Mr. Gloninger has been a stockholder in and an active worker for the interests of the Real Estate Trust Company since its organization, and his selection is entirely satisfactory to the management and the patrons.

Craig street: Harr Bros. & Co. sold to Burns & Gillman 56x100 feet, on the west side of Craig street, 300 feet south of Forbes street, for $9,800. The buyers will put a large livery stable on the lot.

Rosemond: Adams, Hemphill & Co. sold for John D. Fife Gibson to W. H. Robinson, lot 9, in the Rosemond plan in Glendale avenue, Allegheny, and to James H. Robinson lot 10, in the same plan, for $540.

Oliver street: M. J. Greenfield of the Consolidated Real Estate Company sold for N. Seibert to Edwin N. Venton, 24x100 feet, in Oliver street, Fourteenth ward, for $500.

New Residence Disposed Of.

Mellon street: Samuel McClellin sold to Edward Birch one of his new reception hall brick houses on 31x117 feet, on the east side of Mellon street, near Hays street, Nineteenth ward, for $8,000, and to Nicholas Formichella a new residence on 24x115 feet, on the south side of Lardner avenue, near Mayflower street, Twenty-first ward, for $5,300.

Wellesley avenue: George Genft sold to Jane A. Ewing, 40x100 feet, on the south side of Wellesley avenue, near Heath street, Eighteenth ward, for $9,000.

Dearborn street: William J. Marsh sold to Marquin C. Gauza an improved lot, 25x100 feet, on the north side of Dearborn street, near Evaline street, Nineteenth ward, for $4,400.

Madison avenue: John Brown sold to Margaret E. White an improved lot, 22x100 feet, on the south side of Madison avenue, near Clarissa street, Thirteenth ward, for $5,500.

Birmingham avenue: John E. Baker sold to Frederick Jacob Schmidt, 30x100 feet, to Birmingham road, Twenty-seventh ward, for $1,200.

Transfers Recorded.

Geo A Schweitzer to S W Hill, Dec 3, 26th wd, Pgh, 20x90, Joseph st.....$ 3,250

Anna Scrompang, Allegheny, to Thos B Phillips to Mary J Phillips, Nov 14, 5th wd, Pgh, 30x100, Rearsarge street.....3,750

Mary A Ogles to Diamond Nail Bk, July 13, 1st wd, Pgh, 25, Union st, 1-16 interest.....6,500

John A Young to Robt McKinley, Dec 1, Sherman st, Allegheny, 30x100.....6,000

A J Mielke to Fair Oaks Land Co, Nov 9, Lest twp, 55 acres.....50,000

Naman Jason to Martha F Stadtler, Dec 5, 22d wd, Pgh, 42x125, Marshall st.....8,000

C C Anderson to Jennie Hardaker, Aug 5, 10th wd, Ally, 50x100, Kennedy ave.....2,000

Henry Gelding to Conrad Machert, Aug 31, St Cl twp, 2 1/2 acres.....2,000

Grant McCargo to E K Thompson, Nov 14, 10th wd, Pgh, 30x117, St Clair st.....3,000

John P McGill to Wm Braun, Dec 7, 10th wd, Ally, 40x182, Ellis ave.....6,350

Andrew Troppman to Anna Troppman, Nov 25, 11th wd, Pgh, 18x80, Roberts street.....2,000

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Chas C Green to Ambrose Sirlin, Dec 1, Millvale, 20x154, North ave.....1,800

H Haltgriswe to Clementine Schmertz, Dec 5, 13th wd, Ally, 22x 0 Lowrie.....1,800

J L Hoffman to E F Guthrie, Apl 22, Edgewood, 40x115, Franklin ave.....1,800

Same to same, Apl 23, Edgwood, 40x115, Franklin st.....1,800

Pgh Tr Co to Emma A Hauschel, Sept 29, 21st wd, Pgh, 20x93, Race st.....1,700

Wm Ford to Salvatore Balsamo, Dec 14, Braddocks, 20x100, Jos H & Jon R R.....3,300

Thos McGarty to G W Speff, July 17, 21st wd, Pgh, 60x100, Finance st.....2,000

E K Busch to Frank A Koch, Nov 24, 6th wd, McKees Rocks, 20x100.....1,000

John Fay to Mary O'Hagan, Sept 29, 12th wd, Pgh, 21x100, Madison ave.....1,000

Robt T Pyne, jr, to Jas S Roberts, Oct 29, 22d wd, Pgh, lot, Grandview.....1,020

SANDBAGGED AND ROBBED IN THE WEST PENN YARDS

While at work in the Allegheny yards of the West Penn railroad yesterday morning, John Wilson, the assistant yard master, was attacked by three men, who sandbagged him and relieved him of about $65 and a silver watch. He was found in an unconscious condition later and taken to the West Penn hospital. Wilson lives at 927 Main street, Allegheny. He is suffering from a large gash on the head, caused by striking the rail as he fell after the blow.

HOLIDAY TRADE GIVES MARKETS BETTER TONE

Big Supply of Greens Causes Drop in Prices—Oats and Bran Strong.

The approach of Christmas and the holiday season made itself felt yesterday in the produce and grocery markets. There is an increased demand for turkeys, in consequence of which live turkeys went up a notch. Indications are that the turkey supply will be good through the holidays and dealers say dressed turkeys will go no higher than 20 cents. Confectioneries and fruits have begun to rule the grocery market, which is now steady. A big supply of holiday greens has weakened that market, and caused a general decline. Cranberry has declined 75 points. Mistletoe was also quoted $2 to $3 lower.

The horse market yesterday was the weakest of the whole year. There were fewer sales and at lower prices at the local exchange, which is largely accounted for by the cold weather.

There is a fair movement of hay and grain. Receipts are liberal and the market yesterday was generally better than Monday. Bran continued heavy but receipts has weakened the market and prices have dropped. No. 2 yellow corn remains firm, with oats ruling steady. There is a big demand for bran and the market is strong.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Receipts bulletined: Pennsylvania Rise, 47 cars hay, 3 cars oats, 4 cars corn, 1 car feed; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 1 car oats; Baltimore & Ohio, 13 cars hay, 1 car feed, 2 cars oats, 2 cars corn.

Hay, No. 1 timothy.....$18.50@19.75
do No. 2 timothy.....$16.00@18.00
No. 1 clover.....$11.25@11.50
No. 2 timothy.....$10.50@11.00
No. 1 mix.....$11.50@12.00
Loose from wagon.....$15.00@17.00
Straw, oat.....$6.50@9.00
do wheat.....$6.00@6.50
do rye.....$12.50@18.00
Oats, No. 2 white.....41@41½
do No. 3.....40@40½
do No. 4.....39@39½
Rye, No. 2.....
Mish.....60½@60¾
Corn, No. 2 yellow shelled.....65@65¾
No. 2 mix.....60½@60¾
High mix.....61½@62c
New No. 2 yellow car.....54@55c

GROCERIES.

Flour.
Fancy spg. patent.....$4.90@5.05
Fancy winter pat.....$4.25@4.30
Straight win.$3.85@4.00
Bakers' spg.$3.40@3.60
Rye.....$3.60@3.75
Graham.....$3.60@3.75
Cornmeal bbl$3.25@3.40
do 10lb cotton bags.....17@18c
Rolled oats, bbl.....$5.10
do keg.....$2.70
Roasted Coffee
Rio.....14c@12c
Santos.....22½@23½c
Maracaibo.....17@17½c
Peaberry.....17@18c
Golden Rio.....15@15½c
Mexican.....19@19½c
Standard pkgs.....$11.05@11.55
High grade$17.30@18.30
Molasses, fancy.....26@27c
refined.....25@27c
do choice.....22@25c
do open ket..$3.40@3.50
Syrups.....
Fancy sugar.....2@5½c
Sug. and cane.....24@25c
Prime.....24@25c
10-lb cans, doz.....$1.60
5-lb cans, doz.....$1.50
10-lb cans, doz.....$2.40
Maple, gal.....75@$1.00
Oatmeal, bbl.....$5.00
do keg.....$2.90
Salt, fine, grain, bbl.....$1.10
do bags.....4.55c
do 2-lb carton.....4.80c
Sugar, 5-lb cotton bags.....4.80c

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, std. pie, $1.10
do pie, gal.$2.30@3.00
do California, 2s.....$1.80@2.85
do Mary-land.....$1.30@1.65
do California.....$1.80@2.50
Corn, fancy.....$1.80@1.90
do std.....$1.20@1.25
Cherries, red, white.....$2.50@2.75
Lima beans.....$1.20@1.40
do soaked.....75@80c
String beans, 2-lb.....85c
do 3-lb.....95c
Stringless
do 1-lb cans.....$1.50@1.85
Mushrooms, buttons.....$1.60@1.80
Sardines, domestic, ½s.....$4.25@$5.00
do ¼s.....$3.00@3.75
do Portuguese, ½s.$3.75
do French.....20@$15.75

DRIED FRUITS.

Apricots, evap., bags.....9@12c
do 25-lb boxes.....$1@1.15
Apples, bulk, 60-lb bags.....2½@3c
do 1-lb cans.....7½@8c
Peaches.....7½@10½c
Raspberries.....24@24½c
Raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkgs.....6½@10c
Raisins, Muscatel, 2 and 4 crown, 50-lb boxes.....7@8c
do Ontara.....8½@9c
do Cal Valls.....7.87½c
Currants, cleaned, 50 and 50-lb pkgs.....7@7½c
Prunes.....8½@10c
Figs, California.....6½c
do Turk.....12½@14c

SALT FISH.

Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl.....$22.00
do half bbl.....$10.50
do quar, bbl.....$5.25
Mackerel, No. 1 plain, bbl.....$25.00
do half bbls.....$12.50
do quar, bbls.....$6.75
do 20-lb pails.....$2.75
do 10-lb pails.....$1.45
Mackerel, No. 2 shs.....$20.00
do half bbl.....$11.50
do quarter bbl.....$6.00
do 20-lb pails.....$3.00
do 10-lb pails.....$1.55
Lake herring, 100 lbs.....$5.00@3.25
do 20-lb quar.....$1.25
do half bbl.....$2.50

SEEDS.

Clover, from store, prepared, 60-lb bu, small.$7.10@7.20
do mammoth.....$7.20@7.30
do cotton-son.....$4.60@4.75
do white.....
Dutch.$14.00@18.00
Alsike.....$5.75@6.00
Alfalfa.....$8.50@9.00
Millet.....$1.20@1.50
Grass, Hungarian.....60c@$1.10
do lawn, lb.....18@20c
do blue, 14-lb bu.....$1.60@1.75
do red top, 14-lb bu.....$1.10@2.00
Timothy.....$1.60@1.80

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, bu, store.....80@85c
do track.....70@75c
Sweets, Virginia.$2.00@2.25
Klin dried.....$4.00@4.25
do bu, bu.$1.25@1.45
do mediums$1.75@2.00
Turnips, bbl.$1.75@2.00
Onions, bbl.....$2.00@2.25
do bulk, bu.....65@75c
do new, doz.....20@25c
do Spanish crate.....$1.00@1.10
Cucumbers, per hothouse, doz.....$1.50@1.75
Cabbage, per dozen.....$35.00@40.00
do lb.....2@2½c
Parsley, doz.$1.00@1.25
Shallots, doz.....25@30c
Kale, bu.....25@30c
Celery, do.....25@35c
Lettuce, home grown, doz.....70c@$1.00
do ashlaide, basket.....20@35c
do head.$1.00@1.50
Garlic, per lb.....12½c
Carrots, bbl.....$1.25@1.50
Beets, bu.....$3.50@4.00
Cauliflower, doz.....$2.25@2.50
Watercress, doz.....25@30c
Brussels sprouts, quart.....15@16c
Peppers, green, bbl.....$1.25@1.50
Spinach, bu.....70@85c
Squash Hubbard, bu.....$1.00@1.75
do marrow, fat.....$1.25@1.50
Honey, new.....16@21c
Cider, bbl.$4.00@5.00
Butternuts.....$1.00@1.25
Popcorn, lb.....4@5c
Horseradish, per gal.....$5.00@5.50
Egg plant, hamper.....$4.00@4.50

PROVISIONS

Hams.
18 lbs and up.....10½c
Over 14 to 18 lbs.....11½c
Over 10 to 14 lbs.....12½c
10 lbs and under.....13c
Skinned.....10½c
Boneless boiled.....17½c
California.....8c
Shoulders, N. Y. cut.....8c
do skinned.....8½c
Breakfast bacon, ribs 8 to 10 lbs.....15c
do 10 to 12 lbs.....13c
do back cuttins.....11½c
do clears, 8 to 10 lbs.....13½c
do 10 to 12 lbs.....13½c

NUTS

Chestnuts, lb.....10@11c
Filberts.....11c
Eng. walnuts.....11@14c
S. S. almonds.....15c
Tarr almonds.....15c
Mixed 11c
Brazil 11c

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter.
Prints.....28@28½c
Tubs.....27@30c
Ohio cream...26@25½c
Dairy.....17@18c
Country.....15@15c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream.....12½@13c
do Ohio.....12@12½c
do flats.....11½@11½c
Cheese, Ohio Swiss.....13@13½c
do Wis. Swiss.....
Eggs.
Pennsylvania.....24c
do storage.....27@28c

DOMESTIC FRUITS.

Apples, fancy.....$8.50@4.00
do choice..$2.00@2.50
Grapes.
Catawba.....20c
Cranberries, bbl.....$2.25@2.50
do bbl.....$8.00@10.00

POULTRY AND GAME.

Live chickens...11@12c
Roosters.....7@8c
Turkeys.....15@16c
Live ducks, lb.....15@16c
Geese.....9@10c
Dressed hens.....14@15c
Dressed spring....15@16c
Roosters.....10@17c
Squabs.....$2.00
Pheasants.....
Turkeys, fresh.....17@18c
Dressed.....21@22c
Ducks.....17@18c
Capon, lb.....22c
Rabbits, pair.....20@25c
No. 1 geese feather, lb.....40c
do ex. live.....@8c
Pigeons, per pair.....$1.00
Partridges.....$1.50@2.00
Quail.....$1.25
Venison, saddle.....
Mallard ducks, pair.....$1.75@2.00
do canvas back.....$3.00
do black ducks.....$2.00
do plovers, doz.....$4.50
Snipe, doz.....$2.00
Squab, doz.....$4.50
Mallard ducks, pair.....$1.75@2.00
do canvas back.....$3.00
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Squab, doz.....$4.50
Mallard ducks, pair.....$1.75@2.00
do canvas back.....$3.00

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Lemons, Messina, choice.....$2.75@4.00
do Verdellas.....$3.00@4.25
do California.....$2.00@3.50
Oranges, California, navel.....$2.75@3.00
do Florida.....$3.00@3.50
do Tangerines.....$2.75@3.00
do bbl.....$3.00@3.50
Lemons, per box.....$1.00
Oranges, California, navel.....$2.75@3.00
do Florida.....$3.00@3.50
do Tangerines.....$2.75@3.00
do bbl.....$3.00@3.50
Cocoanuts, bags.....$2.50
Bananas, large.....$1.75@2.25
do 2ds.....$1.25@1.50
Pineapples, crate.....$2.50@3.00
Prunes, California, 40@50s.....$2.75
do 60@70s.....$2.50
do 80@90s.....$2.25
do Cisrgeau.....$2.75
Grapes.
Malaga, Imperials.....$2.50@3.00
Grape fruit.....$3.00@3.50
Red Emperor.....$1.75@2.00

HOLIDAY GREENS.

Christmas trees, per 100.....$75.00@$100.00
Holly, crate.....$3.75@5.00
Holly, crate.....$3.75@5.00
Evergreen, wreaths.....$1.25@1.50
Sweet pepper, bbl.....$6.00@7.00
Evergreen, per bbl.....$6.00@7.00
Holly wreaths, per doz.....$1.25@1.40
crate.....$8.00@9.00
Mistletoe, bbl.....$8.00@7.00

HORSE MARKET.

About 100 sales yesterday at the local exchange was the fewest number this year. Prices were much lower than one week ago. Few of the sales yesterday were for more than $100, although nearly all sales were on common stock.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS.

Tuesday, December 15, 1903.

Cattle—The supply was light and the market steady; choice, 1,400 to 1,600 lbs, $4.90@5.10; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs, $4.70@4.90; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs, $4.40@4.65; tidy, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs, $4.00@4.20; green, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs, $3.25@3.75; fair, 800 to 1,100 lbs, $3.00@3.60; common, 700 to 900 lbs, $2.50@3.00; common to good fat bulls, $2.25@3.50; common to good fat cows, $1.25@3.50; heifers, 800 to 1,100 lbs, $3.50@4.85; good to fresh cows and springers, $35@60; small trade, while the selling was scattered. Local receipts were 119 cars.

In sympathy with a lower hog market and liberal receipts the provisions list opened a trifle dearer. There was a fair demand for small holders, but the demand was sufficient to take all offerings at a slight decline. Local bears had some pork for sale and this product showed the most weakness

HANNA SAYS IT IS PETTIFOGGING

Senator Is Disgusted With the Hearing in the Gen. Wood Investigation.

ROOT IS TO TESTIFY TODAY

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"It was the most pettifogging police court scene I ever heard of. It was rank."

This by Senator Hanna as he left the hearing on the Leonard Wood case before the senate military affairs committee this morning.

The witness before the committee was Alexis S. Frye, formerly commissioner of education under Gen. Wood in Cuba. Senator Foraker had subjected Mr. Frye to several questions. Mr. Frye was reading from a letter in which was told a story that Gen. Wood had "held up" the salaries of the Cuban teachers just as the latter were to leave Cuba as the guests of Harvard university.

"Do you think that letter is an honest opinion?" queried Senator Foraker.

The retort was quick, "Do you think, senator, that that was an honest question?"

Several scenes of this kind occurred in committee today. Senator Hanna was a witness to all of them, although not a member of the committee, and when he left the hearing this afternoon he was disgusted.

There were two other important developments today. The first was that the committee has practically decided to ignore Senator Hanna's request that Wood be summoned from the Philippines to testify. The other is that Senator Hanna may make an effort to have Maj. Rathbone, Wood's chief accuser, summoned before the bar of the senate, and in executive session give his testimony to the full senate rather than to the committee.

Secretary Root will be heard by the committee tomorrow. He will testify in effect that all of Wood's actions in Cuba had the full indorsement of the war department and the administration. Mr. Root's testimony will be aimed at the full vindication of Gen. Wood.

BRUTES IN HUMAN FORM.

Two Coal Mine Drivers Blow Off Stubborn Mule's Head With Dynamite.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A stubborn mule, two drivers and a stick of dynamite figured in an exciting incident today in shaft No. 1 of the Williamstown colliery. After repeated attempts to subdue the mule the drivers, Limp Bates and Chip Smith, succeeded at the cost of the animals life and the probable loss of their jobs.

The men tied a large stick of dynamite to the mule's tail, lighted it with a miner's lamp and then hurriedly retreated to a place of safety. The dynamite exploded, blowing off the animals head, causing much confusion among the miners. The drivers disappeared when they learned that the animal had been killed and have since been missing.

ONE BROTHER KILLED, ANOTHER IS DYING

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A fast east bound freight ran into a gang of men employed by the H. S. Isenbaugh Company on work east of Latrobe this afternoon, killing one man, fatally injuring another and inflicting injuries on three others.

John Powell, aged 32, was instantly killed. Costoe Powell, 24 years old, sustained a fractured skull. The victims were brothers, who came to this country two months ago. Both have families in their native country.

MABEL PARKER SAYS HUSBAND WAS FORGER

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mabel Parker, charged with forgery, was on the witness stand practically all of today and corroborated the story of her husband that he, not she, was the forger. She swore that she had pretended to have committed the forgery for the purpose of saving her husband, but since she had failed in that attempt, she was now willing to tell the truth. Her testimony was substantially unshaken by cross-examination. The case will go to the jury tomorrow.

Origin of Scarlet Fever.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. F. B. Mallory, associate professor of pathology at Harvard tonight read his paper on scarlet fever, a synopsis of which was given in this morning's Gazette. While not claiming positively, that he had discovered that the disease was of animal origin, he produced sufficient research to show that these bodies were always found in cases of scarlet fever. Up to this time nothing has been known of the origin of the disease.

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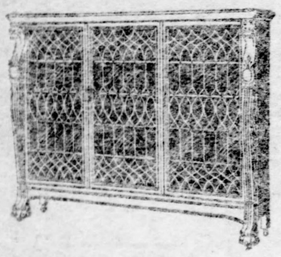

A Handsome Christmas Gift.

For a lover of books what more acceptable Christmas gift could one select than a fine bookcase? The one shown in the illustration would appeal to any admirer of artistic furniture.

This particular design comes in mahogany, weathered oak and golden oak. It is 56½ inches high; 69½ inches wide and 17 inches deep. It has leaded glass doors showing a novel and effective treatment.

There are a multitude of bookcases here of all sizes and every suitable wood and finish. The designs are all distinctive, artistic and exclusive with this store.

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SPECIAL SESSION WAS NOT CALLED

Party Managers and Councilmen Fail to Keep Promise to Railroads.

WIGHTMAN REPORTED WORSE

A call for a special meeting of select council on Thursday, which was promised by the Citizens party managers, was not issued yesterday. One of the city clerks told Councilman J. C. Wasson that there might be a special meeting of select council tomorrow and asked him to come to the city hall before Thursday afternoon to sign the bills passed by councils council Monday night, so that they might be messaged to the upper branch. Mr. Wasson was president pro tem of common council Monday night and signs the bills passed by that branch. The city clerk admitted that a call before a special meeting of select council might be issued before the day was over.

The same information was also given out by an official of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. It was stated that the officials of the Pennsylvania Company had practically agreed upon the Duquesne way ordinance with the Citizens party managers and the latter had promised to have a meeting called for Thursday. A meeting of the Citizens party leaders was held yesterday, but the call was not forthcoming.

It also appears that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials have been victims of bad faith on the part of select councilmen. A number of the members of the "rump" committee of surveys, promised the Baltimore & Ohio officials that the company's Twenty-third ward street vacations ordinances would be approved and reported to select council Monday. A meeting of the committee was called for Monday afternoon, to be held prior to the meeting of the upper branch, but the only member of the committee present was the chairman, T. O. Atkinson.

A select councilman facetiously remarked yesterday, that he might give a reason for the failure to obtain a quorum at Monday's meeting. He said his colleagues had been kindly supplied with transportation for the holidays and many of them had taken themselves out of town. He said that the railroads had been unusually liberal in the past week with transportation to councilmen.

It was stated at the residence of President James Smiley Wightman yesterday that Mr. Wightman's condition was worse than the day before. Many of Mr. Wightman's friends are becoming alarmed.

Arsenic Company Re-Elects Officers

Re-elections all around marked the annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States Arsenic Mines Company, held yesterday at the company's offices in the Farmers bank building. The directors chosen are John McLeod, Homer J. Lindsay, C. R. Brinton, C. L. Drake, C. A. Brooks, James B. Hardie, A. C. Barlow, R. J. Scott and W. M. Fyfe. C. R. Brinton was chosen president; John McLeon, vice president, and C. L. Drake, secretary and treasurer.

Buster Brown requests the pleasure of all the Buster Browns of Pittsburgh at a benefit for the children who have the fever in Butler on Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 22, at the Conservatory of Music, Dithridge street, and will recite and sing at both matinee and evening performances. Little Glen Lewis will do the buck and wing. Charlotte Tompkins will dance and sing. Mr. Dunlevy will tell funny stories. Black face comedians and many more.

Yours truly,
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Butler Benefit.

The vaudeville performance to be given by Cecil Criswell Williams and Company will take place at the Conservatory of Music, Dithridge street, near Fifth, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, December 22. Buster Brown will appear in recitation and song. The program at both matinee and evening performance will be made interesting for both young and old.

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PUT A BULLET IN HIS BRAIN, BUT DID NOT DIE

Carl Borland Tried Suicide, but Has Recovered from a Remarkable Wound.

Carl H. Borland, aged 24 years, of Atlantic avenue, McKeesport, will be discharged from the McKeesport hospital tomorrow, having recovered from a remarkable wound. On the night of Thursday, November 12, Borland with a number of friends went to a saloon in Walnut street, McKeesport and throwing a half dollar on the bar said: "This is my last 50 cents. You might as well drink, as this is the last drink you will have with me. I have been thrown down and will end it all."

His friends thought he was jesting, but he went directly home and securing a revolver placed it close to his head and fired. The bullet entered above his right ear and lodged in the brain. He was taken to the hospital where for several days he was expected to die. But Dr. J. R. Newlin last week succeeded in extracting the ball and Borland's recovery has been rapid since and he will be discharged as cured tomorrow.

BUILDERS' TEMPLE SITES.

Exchange League to Select One of Three Pieces of Property.

The committee appointed by the Builders' Exchange league to secure a site for the builders' temple made a report yesterday on three sites. The league expects to commence on the temple early in the spring. The building is to be four stories. The first will be rented out for business firms handling material and equipment used in construction work; the second floor for offices for the members of the league; the third for a large convention hall, and the upper story will contain four small halls to be used by associations for meetings.

The Pittsburgh delegates who attended the Chicago meeting held to organize a national builders' association returned yesterday. S. Kelghley of this city was chosen treasurer of the new organization. A committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws will meet January 30.

PASSES THE DIVIDEND.

Crucible Directors as Expected, Allow No Returns on Preferred Stocks.

Directors of the Crucible Steel Company of America yesterday voted to pass the dividend on the preferred stock. The statement was contained in the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the board of directors of this company that the interests of the stockholders will be best subserved by deciding to not declare any dividend at this time.

Nothing more than this was given out. The action had been expected since October, when the announcement was made that the dividend would be passed if it were necessary. The effect on the stock market was discounted largely, although sales were made yesterday at 28½, a point and a half lower than on the preceding day. The price is also the low mark made by the preferred in October.

Allegheny Man Quarantined.

Patrick Gillespie of 1105 Rebecca street, Allegheny, was yesterday sent to the isolation hospital in McKeesport, the McKeesport health authorities having diagnosed his case as one of smallpox. He had been boarding for about a week at 1127 Tuberoses alley, McKeesport, and 10 persons have been quarantined in the house. It is said Gillespie recently left a quarantined house in Allegheny.

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TAPESTRY Table Covers, size one by two yards, in many color combinations, some of them in rich mercerized effects; others silk-mixed—with knotted fringe—$1.50 to $6.

WHITE Waist Patterns, in mercerized Oxford, Vestings, etc.—all white or in dainty color combinations—three yards of material, handsomely boxed—at 75c, at $1.50, at $2.50.

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CHRISTMAS GLOVES.

Graceful way to give gloves—enclose with them an "Exchange Card" telling where they were bought and saying that they will be exchanged for others if not right in size or shade. We furnish the cards to go with gift gloves.

OUR "KARINA." Soft, flexible Kids, in black, white and the leading shades; good reputable, reliable gloves for..... $1.00

THE "DUQUESNE." Imported Kids, with Paris Point stitching and two pearl clasps, in black, white, gray, brown and mode, for..... $1.25

THE "DUFOUR." Genuine French Kids of the finest texture, with two clasps and Paris Point stitching, in blacks, whites and all the fashionable shades for..... $1.50

Men's Dress Gloves—Reliable in shape, shade and finish, are our lines at $1 and $1.50. The famous Dent's Gloves at $1.50. These gloves come in kid and mochs, either lined or unlined.

Men's Golf Gloves—Men's shapes in wool or mercerized, plain and fancy weaves—blacks, browns, navies, grays and whites, at 50c. Fancy All-Wool Gloves in Scotch effects for 75c.

Ladies' Golf Gloves—Some mercerized and others all-wool, in white and black and white effects. Also others for 25c, 35c and 45c.

Children's Golf Gloves—Plain and fancy weaves, in white, navies, tans and grays, for 25c and 35c.

Men's Astrakhan Gloves—With mocha palms, 50c, $1 and $1.50. With Jersey palms, 25c.

Boys' Kid and Mocha Gloves—With Astrakhan backs, fleece lined, for 50c, and fur backs for $1.

Mittens in wool and silk, for women, children and misses, 25c and upward to $1.

MAIL ORDERS FILLED.

Leather Goods.

Fine leathers are worked up into more forms of beauty and utility than the early tanners ever dreamed of. Our foremost Christmas lines at the Leather Goods' Counter are:

Wrist Bags	Leather-covered Flasks
Automobile Bags	Writing Tablets
Carriage Bags	Looks Pads
Chatelaine Bags	Collar and Cuff Boxes
Purses	Celluloid Memorandum Tablets
Pocketbooks	
Bill Books	
Card Cases	
Dressing Cases	

We also carry a line of collapsible Drinking Cups and Travelers' Clocks in protective leather cases. No fancy prices.

Our line of Wrist Bags, Automobile Bags and Carriage Bags comprises all the popular leathers—all the newest effects—with all kinds of handles—some with jeweled tops—prettily fitted—for 50c and upward to $8.99.

Gifts for Men.

Foremost features in the gift line in our Men's Furnishings Department just now are:

—House Coats or Smoking Jackets from $5 to $7.50.
—Bath Robes in Terry Cloth or Jacquard Flannels, from $3 to $7.
—New Christmas Neckwear, boxed separately, from 25c to $1.00.
—All-wool Sweaters for men and boys, from $1 to $3.
—Suspenders, each pair boxed separately, from 50c to $1.50.
—Mufflers, from $1 to $2.50.
—Dress Shirts, from 50c to $1.50.
—Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 50c.
—Fine Hosiery, from 12½c to 50c.
—Night Shirts, from 50c to $1.00.
—Boys' Pajamas, 75c.
—Cardigan Jackets, $1.25 to $3.50.
—Umbrellas on the aisle leading to the Men's Furnishings.

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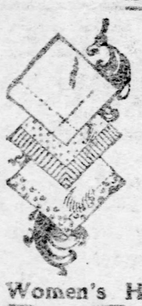

Yes—and aside from their Value and Worth as remembrances, they can be EASILY MAILED, thereby saving the sender much unnecessary worry and trouble. Mountains of pretty, white fabrics here, melting down under the warmth and briskness of vigorous Holiday selling. Too many for description—just this:

Women's Handkerchiefs. Wide range of styles—in Swiss embroidered or lace trimmed—also plain hemstitched or linen—priced now at only $1.50 and down to..... 5c

Men's Handkerchiefs. Choice of either lawn, linen or silk—plain or fancy bordered hemstitched—marvelous to be the best values for the money—here $1.50 and down to..... 10c

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Men's Fancy Shirts. Very useful and tasteful presents, at extremely small cost. Ours are especially worthy your attention. Stiff Bosom—in fine stripes and figures—cuffs on or off. Star or Duquesne makes at $2, $1.50 and..... $1

Men's Neckwear. If you would be sure of getting just the style—the color—the shade "he" favors, then by all means buy his neckwear from us. Showing latest ideas in imported and domestic silks in Ascots, English Squares, Tecks, etc.—here, $1.50, $1 and..... 50c

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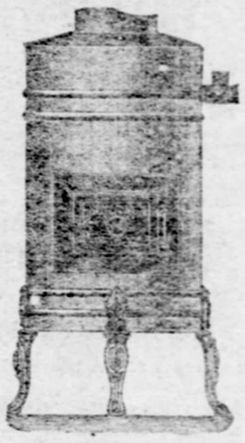

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No.	Accountable	Filed
1	Sloan, Harvey ..... West, E. M., Administrator	Nov. 6, 1903
2	Burke, Bridget ..... Burke, Edward, Administrator	Nov. 6, 1903
3	Dunn, Mary A. ..... McKenna, Bernard, Trustee	Nov. 6, 1903
4	Dunn, Mary A. ..... McKenna, Bernard, Trustee	Nov. 6, 1903
5	Jones, Mary ..... Jeweller, Thos. D., Executor	Nov. 9, 1903
6	McNair, Mary J. ..... McNair, Wm. T., Administrator	Nov. 10, 1903
7	Smith, George W. ..... Cooper, Charles W., Executor	Nov. 10, 1903
8	Cutter, Christian ..... Cutter, Bessie, Executrix	Nov. 10, 1903
9	Hobart, Jesse ..... Hobart, Ben, et al., Administrators	Nov. 10, 1903
10	Summerville, Robert D. ..... Patterson, J. C., Guardian	Nov. 10, 1903
11	Mothes, Mary J. C. ..... McClure, Thos. C., Executor	Nov. 11, 1903
12	Boyd, Wm. W. ..... Boyd, Robert S., Administrator	Nov. 11, 1903
13	Worthington, Helen S. ..... Worthington, Lucia D., Administratrix	Nov. 12, 1903
14	Hall, Jane ..... Hall, Wm. J., Executor	Nov. 12, 1903
15	Pfeifer, Daniel ..... Weisenhaller, C. F., Administrator	Nov. 12, 1903
16	Cunningham, Robert ..... Stewart, E. J. et al., Executors	Nov. 12, 1903
17	Scott, Patrick ..... Hollerman, L. P., Executor	Nov. 12, 1903
18	Hall, Jane J. ..... Hall, Wm. J., Executor	Nov. 12, 1903
19	Jenkins, Edward C. ..... Simons, Wm. W., Executor	Nov. 13, 1903
20	Young, Joseph ..... McClure, Michael, Executor	Nov. 13, 1903
21	Purdy, Hugh ..... Purdy, Wm. P., Executor	Nov. 13, 1903
22	Wilson, Charles A. ..... Wilson, Jas. P., Administrator	Nov. 13, 1903
23	Nolte, Frederick ..... Stephan, Elizabeth, Administratrix	Nov. 13, 1903
24	Brooks, James ..... Brooks, Isabella L., Executrix	Nov. 13, 1903
25	Patterson, Catherine ..... Hindle, Margaret, Executrix	Nov. 13, 1903
26	Hall, Joseph E. ..... Hall, Joseph E., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
27	Maier, Jacob ..... Maier, Louis, et al., Administrators	Nov. 16, 1903
28	Maier, Louisa ..... Maier, Louis, et al., Administrators	Nov. 16, 1903
29	Cummings, Isabella ..... Gorman, Elizabeth M., Administratrix	Nov. 16, 1903
30	Haggerty, James ..... Haggerty, Dennis, Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
31	Hastings, John ..... Hastings, Jas. A., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
32	Berneiser, Elizabeth ..... Berneiser, H. C., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
33	Kaemmerer, Ida M. ..... Kaemmerer, Kate V., Administratrix	Nov. 16, 1903
34	Jenny, Sarah ..... Jenny, Jacob, Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
35	Cochran, Jane ..... Cochran, Wm. G., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
36	Anderson, Frank, Jennie and Ella ..... Anderson, Minna Guardian	Nov. 16, 1903
37	Fleming, Jane ..... Fleming, Robert, Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
38	Stevens, Jane ..... Stevens, Thomas, Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
39	Grocer, A. D. ..... Grocer, J. F., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
40	Dunlevy, Mary ..... Dunlevy, Wm. J., et al., Executors	Nov. 16, 1903
41	Dunlevy, Chas. ..... Dunlevy, H. W., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
42	Robison, Annie L. ..... Robison, Clarence, Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
43	Trufflebone, Mary ..... Mullowney, W. M., Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
44	Park, Hugh ..... Park, John McC., Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
45	Lange, J. G. ..... Lange, Jacob, Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
46	Hinkely, Isaac ..... Hinkely, Charles P., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
47	Bartley, Robert E. ..... Bartley, James, Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
48	Whitaker, Luther Hall ..... Williams, Martha C., Executrix	Nov. 16, 1903
49	Bell, James W. ..... Bell, James W., Executor	Nov. 16, 1903
50	Dailey, Wm. ..... Dailey, Wm. F., Administrator	Nov. 16, 1903
51	Frost, Lewis H. ..... Watterson, A. V. D., Administrator	Nov. 17, 1903
52	Frost, Lewis H. ..... Watterson, A. V. D., Administrator	Nov. 17, 1903
53	Hunt, Wm. H. ..... Hunt, Wm. H., Executor	Nov. 17, 1903
54	Shira, Thomas ..... McCleary, W. H., Administrator	Nov. 17, 1903
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